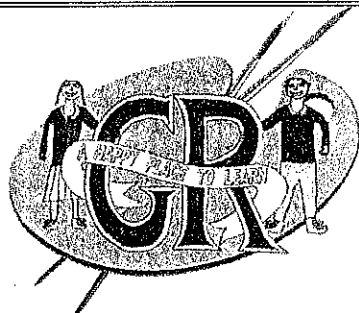


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Dear parents, carers and families,

You will be aware that last night the government updated their guidance regarding key workers: [Closure information for parents and carers](#)

The Local Authority are currently reviewing their plan and will be making arrangements for those other keyworkers who need priority childcare. Schools are being updated later today and we will let you know when we have clear information to give. There is a possibility that plans put into place for next week may change and develop in the future...

Cumbria County Council have set up a COVID-19 page and this is updated regularly: [Cumbria County Council COVID-19](#)

The most recent scientific advice on how to further limit the spread of COVID-19 remains clear. **The purpose of closing schools is to slow the spread of the virus. If too many children are in school, this aim will not be achieved. The government have requested these key principles are followed:**

1. If it is at all possible for children to be at home safely, then they should be.

2. Parents should not rely for childcare on those 'who are advised to be in the stringent social distancing category'. This includes grandparents, friends, or family members with underlying conditions.
3. Parents should also do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way which can continue to spread the virus. They should observe the same social distancing principles as adults. These are:

i) Avoid contact with someone who is displaying symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19). These symptoms include high temperature and/or new and continuous cough

ii) Avoid non-essential use of public transport, varying your travel times to avoid rush hour, when possible



iii) Work from home, where possible. Your employer should support you to do this. Please refer to employer guidance for more information

iv) Avoid large gatherings, and gatherings in smaller public spaces such as pubs, cinemas, restaurants, theatres, bars, clubs

v) Avoid gatherings with friends and family. Keep in touch using remote technology such as phone, internet, and social media

vi) Use telephone or online services to contact your GP or other essential services
I want to reiterate the key message about the closure plans: **Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.**

This remains an ever-changing situation and the position may well change again in the future. As you would expect, we will continue to update you as the need arises using either text, email or the school facebook page.

I would like to thank all our school staff who have helped in recent days to keep the school open, and who will continue to provide work for our children over the coming months or work to provide the priority childcare.

As I said yesterday, we are all very mindful that your child will miss school and miss their friends over the next few weeks and maybe longer; please help them to keep in touch with their friends in a safe and responsible way. The staff are also very aware that the Y6 children will have many questions linked to not sitting SATs and their move to secondary school. Depending on how long we are closed for, will impact on what we will do to help them with this but please rest assured, we will!

Thank you for your continued support and understanding,

Yours sincerely,



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