

GEORGE ROMNEY JUNIOR SCHOOL



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Dear parents, carers and families,

As you can imagine, guidelines and expectations of how we manage the current Covid 19 crisis are continuing to change on a daily, if not hourly basis...As you are all aware, school is now closed for teaching until further notice but we are staffed to enable EMERGENCY CHILDCARE for the children of critical key workers.

The reality of the situation is that this will change and schools across the area will all struggle to stay open individually as more staff invariably are unable to work due to illness or self-isolation. As a cluster of primary schools, headteachers from all schools met today and discussed a safe and sensible way forward. As from next week, **Monday 30th March**, EMERGENCY CHILDCARE will be offered across the Furness area in 'hub' schools which will be staffed with headteachers, teachers and teaching assistants from the schools within the area. Although some may feel this is not an ideal situation, it is the best strategic way forward for the children in this area whose families may come to rely on the EMERGENCY CHILDCARE.

As you would expect, we will be working with Chapel Street and another local school to provide this service if it is needed, as one team. Due to the need and resources required for very young children, it has been proposed that the childcare will be based in Chapel Street School.

I will write to you later in the week to update you on the hours of EMERGENCY CHILDCARE available and a simple booking form should you need this provision. **Please remember: 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 'if it is at all possible for children to be at home safely, then they should be'.**

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