

GEORGE ROMNEY JUNIOR SCHOOL



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Dear parents, carers and families,

Thank you for your patience and understanding around the complex situation of re-opening school to our children. You will be pleased to hear that our initial risk assessment process has been completed and approved by Cumbria County Council Health and Safety team. The governing body met again this week to discuss the planned re-opening of school and took into consideration the factors that have changed since the initial discussions/planning process.

After careful consideration of the parental responses for our Y6 children returning to school; the local PHE health data; advice from the independent SAGE committee and union guidance for staff; they have decided to continue with the phased return for the Y6 children BUT to delay this by one week to **Tuesday 16th June**. As you all know, our decisions are guided by what you as a school community tell us you want, what we think as a staff and governing body is best and safest for your children and what the government guidance suggests. It is my honest opinion that we will not be able to welcome back other year groups in the current situation yet. If, after the next three week review period from the government, expectations or guidance changes, we will of course look at this in our usual careful and considered way.

The situation still remains that the 'Hub' school approach will be finishing today and George Romney staff will be running childcare for Key Workers in our building from **12.00pm on Monday 1st June**. If you have been recently asked to return to work and **both** adults in your household are classed as Key Workers then you may wish to consider applying for a place in the childcare room. Please be aware you must complete a booking form in order to be considered for the childcare and this needs to be emailed to: admin@grjs.cumbria.sch.uk as well as head@grjs.cumbria.sch.uk by Thursday each week in order to allocate staffing. The data sharing sheet is no longer required as only George Romney staff will be looking after your child.



I know many children have been enjoying a sunny half-term week out in the fresh air which is exactly what they should be doing! Brilliant to see children out in the woods, walking in fields and playing on the beach! Our home learning will start again next week for all children and families and as ever; please do get in touch if there is anything you think we might be able to help you with, whether it is linked to the learning, your child's well-being or just a general question about local services or support – we are always here to try and help!

If you would like a different type of fun challenge this weekend, you could take a look at the following video from Young Voices:

<https://www.youngvoices.co.uk/powerinme>

There's a chance to be involved in a Guinness Book of Records singalong attempt next week! As ever, feel free to share your fun with us!

Take care and stay safe,

DR

David Reddy
(Headteacher)

