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### **Coronavirus UPDATE 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

I appreciate the current times make things uncertain for us all but I did want to keep in touch with parents and carers to share our plans and the information I have at this time. I will keep parents/carers up to date as and when further information becomes available.

Cumbria County Council are organising childcare arrangements for children identified through the survey (see below) and those children identified as vulnerable. Please note at this time I'm not sure where this provision might be, it could be at another school in the area depending on the numbers of children and the capacity of schools. The provision of meals for children entitled to free school meals is also being looked into. I will update parents/carers as soon as I have any other information.

What can parents/carers to:

- Complete the survey if you believe you are a 'key worker'. I am aware we don't currently hold a list of the jobs which might fit into this category. The letter relating to this has been sent home via e-mail and posted on the school Facebook page. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BMQHDGY>
- Please ensure we have an up to date e-mail address for you as this will be our primary method of communication. We will also use text and direct parents to view the same information on our website although this might take a little longer for parents/carers to be able to access. We will also share some general information via our Facebook page.

### **Home Learning**

Staff have been very busy planning work for children to do at home to try to give some structure during their time away from school.

Tomorrow, children will come home with a learning pack which will include an exercise book, pen, pencil etc. (age dependent) and it may also have some other resources and tasks in too. By Monday you will also receive via e-mail (and shortly later via text/website) home learning tasks for the week ahead. They will be sent by your child's classteacher. I envisage each Monday you will receive an e-mail from your child's teacher (not during the Easter holidays) setting out tasks for the coming week.

Parents/carers will be able to e-mail classteachers too during this time as you will have their school e-mail allocated for this period of home learning. Please be aware staff will be working at different times depending on their own personal circumstances but they will usually reply within 24 hours (Monday to Friday term-time) as long as they are well. Staff in Nursery and Reception may also use Tapestry as that is a great way to keep in touch.

Staff have tried to ensure there is a balance of work which reflects the types of learning and lessons which might take place in school. Classteachers will also be able to recommend websites and apps you could use with your child; we have started compiling those lists already.

We are also devising tasks which we will ask children to complete over a week too and if parents can take photographs and e-mail them back to the school office we would love to see those. Tasks might include making a den, baking a cake, helping with washing up – further ideas to follow.

Best Wishes,

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Mrs. Fiona Newton Headteacher

