

CUMBRIA EDUCATION SERVICE



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Dear Parents,

I would like to begin by thanking everyone for their kind messages of support and thanks this week. We have a fantastic group of staff, parents and pupils who are working together to help limit this dreadful pandemic.

A reminder that parents who have responded to say they will need their children to attend school due to them being key worker, will need to provide the evidence of this from their employer. We have received further guidance from Sellafield about how they can get this evidence. Please click on this link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/sellafield-ltd/about/staff-update>

As stated in this link:

"Not everyone at Sellafield or our nuclear supply chain will be eligible for this support - only those who must attend their place of work to carry out their roles in supporting nuclear safety should request this support."

We need to make sure we are taking care of our staff and these pupils who genuinely need this service. As such, I ask that you **ONLY** send pupils in where no other option is available. This is an emergency childcare provision. The whole point is to reduce the spread of transmission. Therefore, school will be "open" but we want to support the minimum number of pupils so that we have to deploy the minimum level of staff, and expose the minimum number of people to risk.

For those of you who are needing this, we will be helping your child to access their home learning packs, reinforcing hygiene measures to help protect them as much as we can. If your child is coming in tomorrow, they will need to be in their uniform, as stated in previous advice, but should bring PE kit with them. Dolce have emailed parents to say that a meal will be provided if it is required, but you can send a packed lunch if that is preferable and extra snacks can also be sent. If a water bottle can be sent, this will again help to limit any risk of cross contamination. We will start at 9:30 tomorrow, as instructed by Cumbria County Council, and will shut at 3:15.

Finally we will keep in touch during the closure period and will keep updating you with information as we get it. Please take care, stay safe and send our thoughts to all pupils – we will be thinking of you all in the coming days and weeks.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Winn