



St Bridget's (C of E) Primary School

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Dear Parents & extended families

Important information regarding school closure

It is with a heavy heart that I write this letter to say that under the direction of Cumbria County Council our school will close at 3.15pm today, Friday 20th March 2020 for the majority of our children.

As you will have seen on the attached letter from Cumbria County Council I am now allowed to open our school on Monday morning at 9.30am **only** to those children who need child care. I cannot stress enough that this is **only** open to key workers (see attached list) and vulnerable children with EHCP's and even if you fall into one of these categories, there is still an expectation that you will keep your children at home if and when you can. **Government advice remains that all children should be at home wherever possible.**

Our school will only be offering 'emergency child care' and the children will not be taught the national curriculum. At the moment our school will operate on a skeleton staff on a rota basis and I cannot guarantee how long this provision will be in place due to the nature of the pandemic. It may mean further down the line that your child has to attend a Hub School open in the Cockermouth area.

If you feel you have no alternative and need emergency child care provision, please complete the form below and return it to school as soon as possible.

St Bridget's School continued Support for all children

As you know, yesterday all teachers sent work/links home for you and your child to do together over the next week. Our plan is to continue to send work after the Easter holidays and for as long as we need to. We will be in touch by email and/or text to inform you of how you can access this work in due course.

Sadly, both residentials for class 3 and 4 have had to be cancelled as the directorate from Health and Safety rules is to not take children on school trips for the foreseeable future. Full refunds will be issued to all parents in due course.

We are uncertain how long we will find ourselves in this situation or what the next few weeks will bring, however I am absolutely certain that you will all be missed and in our thoughts and prayers.



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It is important we all follow the advice of the government so that we can get through this as quickly as possible and we can all be back together again.

On behalf of myself, staff and governors, I would like to thank you for all your support over the year and especially for the last few days. We wish you all good health and hope to see you shortly.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Lisa Hemingway



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