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Dear Parents,

There is a lot of conflicting information at the moment from Government, Council and Schools. Please be aware we are all trying to work together to safeguard and do the best that we can for each other and all of our children. These are unprecedented times.

It has been agreed with Cumbria County Council that the SEN schools had to close due to increasingly low staffing levels. We would not have enough staff in school to support the pupils appropriately past Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March. The safety of our children is of the upmost importance, and it was for this reason we made the decision to close.

The government yesterday announced that schools will stay open in some capacity. This will be to provide childcare for those children who have parents who are classified as 'Key Workers', including NHS Staff, Social Workers and delivery drivers. The council is currently trying to put a strategy together to make this government announcement workable. To this end, it is extremely important that parents fill in the following short survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BMQHDGY>

We would like to help support you through these uncertain time as best we can. If you are in a position that you will require extra support, please let us know. You can contact me at [r.aindow@cumbriaacademyforautism.org.uk](mailto:r.aindow@cumbriaacademyforautism.org.uk) if this is the case by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 12:00 noon please.

However, can I reassure you that we will be planning to offer any support where possible and we will keep you informed of any updates or changes once we know what is actually happening, rather than speculation.

Please take care of each other and let us know if you need any help or support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Aindow".

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