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Newsletter Summer Term 2020

I hope this newsletter update finds you all safe and well in these worrying and uncertain times. This is certainly not going to be the summer term any of us had hoped or planned for and although I would love to be able to give you a date when the children can return to school, at the moment that is impossible. School is a very strange, lonely place with no children in it and everyone is looking forward to the day when the rooms and corridors are filled once again with chatter and laughter.

In the meantime, I hope that this update will answer some of the questions you may have.

HUB SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN OF KEY

WORKERS – Hub schools have been set up across Cumbria to provide childcare for key workers. The Maryport Hub is based in Netherton Infant School and is staffed by volunteers from all of the local primary schools, ours included. There is a strict criteria to access this childcare as the prevailing message from the Government is still 'stay at home'. If you think you may qualify for, and need this childcare, please contact

<https://form.jotform.com/200844015136041>

FREE SCHOOL MEALS – As you are probably aware, the Government has announced that parents of those children eligible for benefit related free school meals will receive vouchers to cover the cost of these meals. Mrs Penn was ahead of the game with this and everyone who was entitled received vouchers before the announcement was made. In the coming weeks, the provider of the vouchers will change but we will keep everyone updated about this.

If your circumstances have changed and you believe you now meet the criteria to receive income related free school meals, then

please complete the online form at -

<https://cumbria.gov.uk/childrensservices/schoolsandlearning/freeschoolmeals.asp>

HOME LEARNING – We are very aware that a prolonged school closure is likely to lead to a significant lapse in children's learning and progress. This however is a national, even international, issue and children across the world are all in the same position.

As a school, we will not (unless directed to by the Local Authority or Government) be conducting online/video lessons. Teachers will however be posting weekly learning tasks on the class pages of the website for children to complete at home. We recommend that, as a minimum, the children continue to read and do some maths based activities daily. In addition to this, please take advantage of being at home with your child to cook, play board games, get crafty and explore nature on your daily walk. We will also be continuing to signpost useful sites and ideas via our facebook page.

We are launching a TT Rockstars weekly event for all junior age children and each week we will announce the top scorer from each class on our facebook page.

As parents ourselves, we completely understand the challenges of getting children motivated and engaged in home learning – it is not easy! Please do not worry or stress about covering every task set, allow your child to have some choice in which activity they wish to do each day.

Please do continue to upload photos and videos to Tapestry (2's, Nursery and Reception) and SeeSaw (Years 1-6) so staff can feedback to the children and hopefully keep them motivated.

KEEPING IN TOUCH – Over the coming week, someone from school will ring for a catch-up. This is to keep in touch, check that everyone is ok and offer any support if we can. Where there are 2-3 children in a family, we will aim to coordinate it so you only receive one call. The call is likely to come from a withheld number so don't panic if this pops up on your phone.

KEY STAGE 2 RESIDENTIAL VISITS – Given the current circumstances, there will be no residential visits taking place this term – even if we do get back in before the summer holidays. The Y5 Edinburgh visit has been rearranged for October (for the same children) however the Y3 trip to Bassenfell Manor, the Y4 trip to Windermere and the Y6 visit to London have all been cancelled. Mrs Penn is currently communicating with the providers and our insurance company to arrange refunds. We greatly appreciate your patience and understanding at this is a very busy time for the companies involved and Mrs Penn will be in touch with everyone about this as soon as she can.

UNIFORM – Our uniform supplier is, like many other businesses, temporarily closed at the moment however we are confident that they will be back up and running to take orders within the next month or so. Please note that the checked pinafores cannot be ordered online as they require a minimum order of each size. The office will send out information about ordering these in due course.

YEAR 6 SATs – The Government has announced that all statutory testing and examinations are cancelled for this year. Although there is currently guidance published for teachers re GCSE and A Level grades, nothing is out yet regarding Y6 SATs. We are anticipating that teacher assessments will be requested at some point.

TRANSITION TO SECONDARY SCHOOL – Should schools not reopen before the summer break, we will be in touch with our secondary colleagues to arrange transition days at some point before September. Year 6 children should by now know which

secondary school they have been offered a place at and the school will have all of your contact details.

NEW STARTERS TO RECEPTION AND YEAR 3
Thursday 16th April is National Offer Day and anyone who has applied for either Reception or Y3 for September will find out if they have been allocated a place. This does not apply to children currently in our Y2 who will automatically move into our Y3. We are aware of a few Nursery parents who have not yet applied for a place in Reception. They will need to contact school admissions directly at school.admissions@cumbria.gov.uk

**Cumbria Safeguarding
Children Partnership** 



Are you concerned about a child?

We are all living in unprecedented times, it is really important that we look out for each other and support each other in our communities.

This will be a difficult time for lots of families, and families may be making different care arrangements for their children. Families may experience added stress and pressure at this time, with added financial pressure or isolation from support networks. These issues can add a great burden onto families and children and young people could be at increased risk of harm during these times.

If you are concerned about a child or young person who you believe might be at risk of harm, please contact:

The Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub on 0333 240 1727 or NSPCC 0800 800 5000.

If you believe a child is at risk of immediate danger dial 999 and speak to the Police.

cumbriasafeguardingchildren.co.uk



**NEW EMERGENCY
SUPPORT HELPLINE**

0800 783 1966
**COVID19support@
cumbria.gov.uk**

Only for people at high risk of becoming seriously ill as a result of COVID-19 and who do not have support available from friends, family or neighbours.

Full details can be found online at cumbria.gov.uk
Provided by Cumbria County Council and partners including District Councils, CVS, Cumbria Community Foundation, community and voluntary sector, and private sector.

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