20th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

The most recent scientific advice on how to further limit the spread of COVID-19 is clear. **If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading.**

That is why the government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked schools to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend.

Please, therefore, follow these key principles:

1. If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.
2. If a child has an EHCP, is vulnerable or has a parent who is a critical worker, then provision will be available for them, ***if necessary.***
3. Parents should not rely for childcare upon those who are advised to be in the stringent social distancing category such as grandparents, friends, or family members with underlying conditions.
4. Parents should also do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way which can continue to spread the virus. They should observe the same social distancing principles as adults.

If your work is critical to the COVID-19 response, or you work in one of the critical sectors, and you cannot keep your child safe at home if you have NOT already completed the online survey please send an urgent email to admin@roose.cumbria.sch.uk advising of your situation. The online survey is temporarily closed.

If your child meets the criteria to be offered a place then we will be in contact ASAP with further information/details.

Yours sincerely,

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