



Cummersdale School  
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4/1/21

Dear Parents,

I am writing to update you on a constantly shifting situation regarding school re-opening this term. Whilst we had hoped to fully re-open tomorrow, a combination of soaring infection rates, concerns from staff and the knock on effect of other schools closing means that Cummersdale School will be closed from tomorrow until Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January. We will be able to review the situation then.

I must apologise for the late notice, but feel that although we were willing to try to make school as safe a place as possible for our pupils, the advice given by Public Health England and the County Council was overwhelming and could not be ignored.

The teachers will be setting work via 'classlists' for home learning and this will be what was planned in school. It will be adapted for home learning and will be ready from Wednesday morning.

The school will be open for children of key workers.

Key Workers are those who work in:

- Health and social care
- Education and childcare
- Key public services
- Local and national government
- Food and other necessary goods
- Public safety and national security
- Transport and border services
- Utilities, communication and financial services

I only expect this to be used by the children who used the hub school in the spring last year and should only be used if you have no alternative arrangements for caring for your child at home. We will require proof of key worker status from parents who have not previously used this service. I would be grateful if anyone who would be wanting to send their child to school could let me know as soon as possible



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either by e-mail [head@cummersdale.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:head@cummersdale.cumbria.sch.uk) or school mobile 07787 502588. Further details can then be given about start times, lunches etc.

Once again, I apologise for the late notice but hope that you understand that this decision was not made easily and it has been made to keep the children, their families and the staff at Cummersdale School safe.

Regards,

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