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DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE

Dear Parents & Carers

I thought it would be useful if I did a daily update for you on the situation in school. I know at times like this communication is really important so that we all know what is going on and what is expected of us. Yesterday saw a definite change in behaviour as people responded to the PM's speech on Monday afternoon. In school we are ensuring that life continues as calmly as possible and if any of the children or staff are feeling anxious that we are supporting each other through this.

These are today's updates:

- Today we have 54 children absent from school. This is mainly due to them having siblings in other schools that have been sent home with a cough and/or temperature;
- We have 5 staff absent from school. At the moment this means we can continue to operate normally;
- A 'Top 5 for Home Learning' sheet will come home with your child today. These are passwords for websites that the children already access at school. If your child is already having to self-isolate they can begin using these straight away. Please keep these safe so that all children can use them in the event that school has to close. If your child is not at school today these will be sent via Class Dojo;
- If school closes teachers will also post additional daily tasks on the school website. These will include 1 English task, 1 maths task & 1 topic task as well as daily reading and PE tasks;
- Please let us know **ASAP** if you **DO NOT** have internet access at home. We can then send packs home instead;
- Please let us know if there are other materials that you need at home e.g. pens, pencils, rubbers, sharpeners, coloured pens etc;
- We are organising with our caterers to continue to provide packed lunch meals for those children who are self-isolating and receive a free school meal. This should be



up and running tomorrow and will continue if school has to close. More information about this will follow if and when needed;

- I am in close contact with the other Workington schools and the Local Authority to ensure we have a co-ordinated response to the ever-changing situations we are facing.

If your child or anyone else in your household develops a new dry, continuous cough and/or a temperature then your child must not come to school and must stay at home for 14 days.

Thank you for your co-operation and support. More information will follow tomorrow. If you have any questions in the meantime then please contact me at school by phone or email me at head@ashfield-jun.cumbria.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Frost
Headteacher