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DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE No 2

Dear Parents & Carers

I'm assuming that you all saw last night's news and are currently digesting what this means for all of us.

These are today's updates:

- At the moment we have received one letter from the Secretary of State that outlines the proposals delivered in the briefing yesterday.
- This morning we have received further guidance from the Local Authority on what the local response will be. I am expecting more to follow later today.
- If you work in the NHS or Care Sector then you will be asked to identify yourselves if you will be in need of childcare. This may be in the form of an online survey (we will send this to you today if it is). Please also ring us or email if you want to let us know that today anyway. That will help us to begin gathering information.
- In school we are looking at other children who may fall into the list of those requiring continued provision during school closure (e.g. those with an EHCP). Again, we await LA guidance on this.
- If your child is already off school and they receive a free school meal then remember that you can order a packed lunch on Lunch Shop to collect from the side door at school (11am for Y3 & Y4, 11:30am for Y5 & Y6).
- Staff are busy preparing packs for those children who do not have internet access at home. If you haven't let us know about this then please do that today. Packs for learning for next week will come home tomorrow. We are thinking that following that we will post them out weekly.
- Hopefully you got your 'Top 5 for Home Learning' sheet last night- either a paper copy or through Class Dojo



At the moment there isn't much more that I can tell you until these decisions have been ironed out but rest assured we here at Ashfield will do whatever we can practically and safely do to support your children in the weeks to come.

Whatever the next few weeks bring we are determined to keep in regular contact with you and the children to try retain as much of a sense of 'normality' as possible. We have the advantage of living in a digital world now where keeping in touch is so much easier. I am sure there will be times when we will all need someone to talk to, we need to make sure that we are still there to support each other.

Finally, remember that 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. Thank you also to those parents who have been in touch with messages of thanks and support, it is very much appreciated by all the staff here at Ashfield. More information will follow tomorrow, or possible later today depending on developments.

If you have any questions in the meantime then please don't hesitate to contact me at school by phone or email me at head@ashfield-jun.cumbria.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Frost
Headteacher