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DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE No 3

Dear Parents & Carers

Yesterday seemed to be a day of some confusion for us all in relation to the closure of schools and who would then be offered continued childcare from Monday. This remained confusing until late last night when the government released its key worker list. Today should give us some clarity now on who can apply for their child to attend school during the closure.

These are today's updates:

- Please click on this link <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision> to read the key worker list. If you feel that you fall into this revised, extended list and will need childcare then please ring us or email me to let us know. The online survey released by Cumbria yesterday only had 3 categories on. The list is now longer. I'm not sure if there are plans to extend the online survey today. If I hear anything I'll let you know.
- All information and resources for home learning will come home with the children at the end of the day today. This may include packs if they have been requested as well as books to work in, passwords for online sites and any stationery supplies the children felt they needed. We are happy to lend out anything that will help them over the coming weeks.
- When we know how many children will still be attending from Monday we will put plans in place to organise safe staffing levels and provide meals at lunchtime.
- At the moment our plans would be to only open during school hours for those children who need to attend, not include wrap-around care.
- Further information will come to us from the local authority this morning about our next steps so I may send a second letter to you this afternoon. Please keep an eye on

your email alerts. Things are changing quickly and we may need to respond rapidly to requests.

We've had some lovely comments and messages from many of you over this week. Thank you so much. I have passed all of these on to the staff as they are feeling the same pressures and worries that you may be feeling at the moment. Knowing that we have the support of our local community really makes a difference.

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.

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
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