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COVID-19 UPDATE No 12

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope that you all continue to be well.

We are continuing to provide places in school for key worker and other priority children in Y3, Y4 & Y5 as well as places for children in Y6. We have reviewed our risk assessments and slightly increased our capacity in these rooms whilst still keeping a safe environment for pupils and staff. In total we have 38 places for children in Y3,4 & 5 and currently 36 of these are being used. In addition to these places we have 47 places available for Y6 and 45 of these places are now being used.

If you are a critical worker of a pupil in Y3, Y4 or Y5 (who isn't already in school) and you think you will need a place for your child in the next 3 weeks then please email me as soon as possible to let me know (head@ashfield-jun.cumbria.sch.uk). If we have an increased demand then we will put plans in place to open up a new group for the final few weeks. If there is no demand for this provision then we will keep the numbers as they are and run these as the three current groups we have until the end of term.

If you are parent or carer of a Y6 pupil who thinks they may want to send their child back before the end of term then please contact me as soon as possible. It is unlikely that we will have the capacity to increase the Y6 provision beyond 47 so once the final 2 places have been taken we will not be able to admit anyone else.

We are working hard to try to be in a position where we do not have to turn anyone away or let anyone down but as I'm sure you will appreciate this is a challenging task. If we know in advance what you might need in the final three weeks then this will help us to plan and be ready to support you.



Our focus is also now on the transition of the Y2 pupils into our Y3 classes in September. The Y3 team are working hard on developing ways that we can communicate and link effectively with families in a remote sense as visits to the building are not going to be possible before the end of term. Transition activities are also currently taking place for our Y6 pupils both on site and remotely.

On Thursday and Friday next week the home learning activities for Y3, Y4 and Y5 pupils will all be led by their new class teacher that they will have in September. Early next week you will receive an email to let you know which class your child will move into and we will then ensure that member of staff can link with you via Class Dojo so that they can begin communicating with you this term and your child can begin sharing work and photos with them before we break up for the summer. For Y6 they will continue working on the transition activities they already have.

Next week we are due to receive guidance from central government about the return to school for all pupils in September. As yet we do not know what this guidance will include. Once we have had time to review this and make some decisions about the implications for our school then I will let you know our outcomes as soon as possible, particularly for those things that will directly impact you as parents and carers. This communication is likely to have to continue throughout the summer break so I just ask that you keep checking the content of any updates that come to you from school so you know what's going on. As always please don't hesitate to contact me via email if you have any other thoughts or questions.

Keep going everyone! There are three more weeks of home learning to go for those of you still at home. We have great plans for the final two weeks so that hopefully we can bring everyone together remotely in some way in some shared activities. More information will follow next week!

Best wishes to everyone.

Mrs S Frost
Headteacher

Current critical worker list from gov.uk:

Health and social care

This includes, but is not limited to, doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff including volunteers; the support and specialist staff required to maintain the



UK's health and social care sector; those working as part of the health and social care supply chain, including producers and distributors of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment.

Education and childcare

This includes:

- childcare
- support and teaching staff
- social workers
- specialist education professionals who must remain active during the COVID-19 response to deliver this approach

Key public services

This includes:

- those essential to the running of the justice system
- religious staff
- charities and workers delivering key frontline services
- those responsible for the management of the deceased
- journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting

Local and national government

This only includes:

- those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of the COVID-19 response
- or delivering essential public services, such as the payment of benefits, including in government agencies and arms-length bodies

Food and other necessary goods

This includes those involved in food:

- production
- processing
- distribution
- sale and delivery
- as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (for example hygienic and veterinary medicines)

Public safety and national security

This includes:



- police and support staff
- Ministry of Defence civilians
- contractor and armed forces personnel (those critical to the delivery of key defence and national security outputs and essential to the response to the COVID-19 outbreak)
- fire and rescue service employees (including support staff)
- National Crime Agency staff
- those maintaining border security, prison and probation staff and other national security roles, including those overseas

Transport

This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the COVID-19 response, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass.

Utilities, communication and financial services

This includes:

- staff needed for essential financial services provision (including but not limited to workers in banks, building societies and financial market infrastructure)
- the oil, gas, electricity and water sectors (including sewerage)
- information technology and data infrastructure sector and primary industry supplies to continue during the COVID-19 response
- key staff working in the civil nuclear, chemicals, telecommunications (including but not limited to network operations, field engineering, call centre staff, IT and data infrastructure, 999 and 111 critical services)
- postal services and delivery
- payments providers
- waste disposal sectors