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Dear Parents & Carers

I hope you are enjoying some 'home learning free' time this week in the beautiful sunshine and that you and your families are all well.

I'm writing today to let you know our current position in relation to pupils returning to school.

This week we have been busy working on the school risk assessments for re-opening to larger numbers of pupils. We now have two risk assessments: one relating to the school premises and one outlining new school operations. A summary of these will be on our school website on Monday next week.

As a result of carrying out these risk assessments alongside looking at local and national data we have decided to only open school to children of key workers and other priority children next week. The school building will be closed on Monday 1st June to allow us to carry out some staff training and check procedures. School will open to those pupils from Tuesday 2nd June. At the moment we have assessed not to open to year 6 pupils at the same time.

We will review the situation on a weekly basis and assess when we feel it is safe to open to Year 6 pupils. I know that you would probably prefer a definite date for this but at the moment we do not feel that we are in a position to do this, an opinion shared by all other local schools. Our building and procedures will be ready so when the decision is made it can be done quickly.

In the meantime we will continue providing home learning in the same way as we have been doing for the past half term. This will begin again on Monday next week (1st June).



If you are a key worker .and have responded to say that you will need your child to attend school from next week there will be another letter for you to read that will be emailed to you today. It is important that you read this letter carefully and the accompanying Home-School contract and discuss it with your child. These documents will give you all the information you need in relation to how school will operate over the next few weeks. It will be very different to how school normally looks.

If you are a key worker that would like your child to attend next week but you do not receive a letter later today then please email me at head@ashfield-jun.cumbria.sch.uk.

Thank you for your continued support for us. The next few weeks will potentially be full of changes and updates as we look at opening our doors to more pupils if it is safe to do so. I will keep updating you and try to do this in a timely manner to give you notice of changes so that you can plan ahead. Some decisions may be made quickly and in response to changing circumstances so I may need to contact you about things at short notice. I will continue to use the email and text system as this seems to be the best way to reach everyone.

Your sincerely

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Mr P Rafferty
Chair of Governors