



**ST GEORGE'S
C of E SCHOOL**

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Coronavirus Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

The most recent scientific advice on how to further limit the spread of COVID-19 is clear. If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading.

That is why the government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked schools to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend.

I have just received further information this morning from Cumbria County Council and spent last night in discussion with other local heads. It has been decided that we can work in clusters to support each other. Those that can, will stay open for key workers and identified vulnerable children. **St George's will remain open, with a skeleton staff, for those key groups identified only.** We will be providing childcare rather than formal education though they will access the same learning as their peers.

Breakfast Club will stay open to the children in the two identified categories.

For all other children, there will be structured online opportunities on Seesaw, extra work has been sent home and there are learning opportunities on the website. We have limited staff and resources, probably operating as combined classes, spread out. We will review our provision next Thursday 26th March regarding the Easter Holidays and beyond.

If you think you are a key worker, please look at the criteria in this link but remember, it is only for when you are at work, have been a key worker on night shift, AND YOU CAN'T MAKE OTHER ARRANGEMENTS

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKCCC/bulletins/2821209>

WE WILL BE ASKING FOR PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY, SUCH AS WORK ID, ON MONDAY MORNING

This is the category of 'vulnerable children' we are working towards

- 1) Children where the family is either classed under 'Child Protection' or 'Child in Need'
- 2) Children who have an EHCP
- 3) 'Looked After' Children
- 4) Other children who we know from our support register require the extra assistance in extreme cases

Those parents/carers whose children fall into those 'vulnerable' categories will be contacted, today, by Class Dojo and text. Children in 'number 4' will be a tiny number, determined by our very experienced pastoral and SEND team here with me- who know our children and families very well. In a situation like this, please do not contact us to suggest your child should be 'on the list' if they aren't. This decision is final.

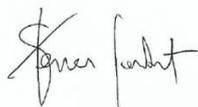
Free/Universal School Meals

We have worked with the school meals provider today and will be delivering packed lunches to any of those children who qualify. However, you must go on to LUNCH SHOP to order them, otherwise they will not be delivered. We are working jointly with other schools in Central Barrow to do this. There will be no hot dinners in school, packed lunch will be provided if necessary for key workers children and can be ordered on Lunchshop.

Again, attendance is only for children in the Key Worker or Vulnerable category that absolutely need to attend.

Thank you for your support of our school community and your wonderful children. Staff, parents, children and the whole community have all shown the very best of what it means to be part of St George's this week.

Yours sincerely,



Head Teacher