



A FREE Breakfast Club for our pupils

North Walney Primary, Nursery & Pre-School

"The Place to be - where Children are at our Heart"

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COVID 19 UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will be aware, our Prime Minister announced yesterday evening that all schools in England are to close as from Friday 20 March 2020. The Government has asked of schools the following:

"After schools shut their gates on Friday afternoon, they will remain closed until further notice except for children of key workers and vulnerable children, as part of the country's ongoing response to coronavirus.

Examples of these workers include NHS staff, police and supermarket delivery drivers who need to be able to go to work to support the country's fight to tackle coronavirus. Vulnerable children include those who have a social worker and those with Education, Health and Care Plans – a legal document that describes a child's special educational needs and the support they require."

Dan Barton, Assistant Director of Education and Skills Cumbria is working with a team of people from the Local Authority to gather information from schools and parents regarding the provision needed for the children of Key Workers and vulnerable pupils. It is important, during these incredibly difficult times, that schools work together with the Local Authority. The key message is that the plan will be well thought out in order to ensure that provision is sustainable and meets demand. You will appreciate that this is a huge job to co-ordinate and so a final decision won't be made until tomorrow afternoon.

I understand that tomorrow the Local Authority will write to parents informing you all of the provision which is to be made locally.

If you haven't already done so and consider yourself to be a key worker, please complete the local authority survey. This can be found on the school website under key information, home learning or use the link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BMQHDGY>

For all parents whose children are to remain at home from Monday please remember to look on the school website for home learning activities. These activities can be accessed by clicking the key information tab, then home learning.

If you wish to contact me for any reason please don't hesitate to email me.

Please take great care.

Chris Mountford