



## HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)

High Hesket, CARLISLE, Cumbria CA4 0HU TEL: 016974 73386

Head teacher: Mrs A Harvey

Email: [head@high-hesket.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:head@high-hesket.cumbria.sch.uk) Website: [www.high-hesket.cumbria.sch.uk](http://www.high-hesket.cumbria.sch.uk)

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents,

### NOTIFICATION OF SCHOOL CLOSURE

You will now be aware that the government made the unprecedented decision last night to close all schools from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 until further notice. As a result, I am saddened to inform you that High Hesket CE School will close at 3.20pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020. For those children who attend our after-school club, 'Wiggle bugs' this will close at 5.30pm on Friday.

It has also been announced that schools will provide childcare for the children of key workers or for other identified groups. We are awaiting further guidance on this and will update you as soon as we know more. In the meantime, Cumbria County Council have created an online survey to assess potential need for key worker childcare. The letter is being sent out alongside this one.

We are so grateful to the support and understanding of our whole school community during this uncertain and worrying time, and it is with a really heavy heart that I am writing this letter as we will miss being in day to day contact with our wonderful school community. However, the wonders of technology will mean that we can still continue to communicate with our families and we are fully aware that the work we have sent home will only meet the children's educational needs for a fixed period of time. We will be working hard to provide more learning resources which we will release at appropriate points and will continue to utilise the [homework@high-hesket.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:homework@high-hesket.cumbria.sch.uk) email address to respond to any work-related questions or queries you may have.

Although there will still be many updates to provide, I would like to take this opportunity to say how proud I am of how our whole school community has pulled together through this difficult time and to take a moment to thank everyone for the part they are playing in ensuring we all keep each other safe.

I will provide further updates as soon as I am able.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harvey  
Headteacher