



HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)

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Dear Parents,

INFORMATION REGARDING KEY WORKER BOOKINGS

Thank you for notifying us of your requirements in regards to Key Worker provision and for outlining your requests. At present, your request is confirmed but I do need to advise you that there will be ongoing safety reviews and provision will be risk assessed. Availability of places may change if staffing levels reduce or if circumstances change. We are continuing to ask that places are only booked if necessary so please do let us know if you need to cancel any sessions. We will try and accommodate any other changes to requests as much as we are able but this will depend on staffing and pupil numbers.

Snack

Although the government free fruit for schools scheme is on hold at the moment, we are able to continue to provide a small fruit snack for those children in school who are in Early Years, Year 1 or Year 2. For children in Year 3-6, they are welcome to continue to bring a fruit-based snack (no nuts, melon, kiwi or mango) from home as in previous terms.

Uniform / warm clothing / wellies

We do ask that the children still wear uniform when attending the Key Worker provision and come prepared for all weathers, including warm, waterproof clothing when needed. The classrooms are colder than normal due to the need to ensure adequate ventilation, so the children are welcome to bring extra layers to wear when needed. We will also be returning to using the field for playtimes where possible so please can the children have their wellies when attending.

Remote learning & workbooks

Our remote learning arrangements will make up the basis of what the children learn in school. If your child is attending part time, please can you ensure that they bring their White Rose Maths workbooks in on the days when they are booked in if they have taken these home.

Class Zoom sessions

We will be holding weekly class Zoom sessions during the period of partial school closures. If your child is attending, we will assume that you are happy for your child to take part and to interact with the other children on screen. Please let us know if you would prefer your child not to take part.

School closure due to weather

Should the weather impact on the ability of school to open safely, such as due to heavy snowfall, we may need to make the decision to close the setting to ALL pupils including those of Key Workers. If this is the case, we will try to give as much notice as possible and will follow our usual arrangements for doing so. Parents will be notified by text message and we will also contact the local media outlets and Cumbria County Council.

Bubble arrangements

Our Key Worker 'bubbles' are arranged to allow for maximum social distancing and to limit the number of close contacts. At the moment this means that the children are able to remain in their year group bubbles within their current classrooms. However, should circumstances change, there may be the need to merge two bubbles together if the risk assessment allows, to ensure that we have adequate staffing. If this is the case, we will continue to keep the year groups separate but they may work in the same classroom as another group. This will only happen if essential and we will inform all relevant parents before merging any bubbles together.



Drop off / collection arrangements

We are continuing to keep the start and end of the day arrangements the same and are still using the staggered timings and one-way systems as before Christmas. We are also asking that all adults collecting wear a face covering whilst on school grounds.

If your child develops symptoms or we are informed of a positive test result

Please do not bring your child in for the Key Worker provision if they are unwell. If they develop any symptoms related to COVID-19, you must inform school and seek testing. School will continue to send out notifications to close contacts to enable parents to remain vigilant whilst test results are pending.

If we are advised of a positive test result for an individual who has attended the setting, we will continue to seek advice from Public Health and any close contacts from the 48 hours prior to the individual developing symptoms will be asked to self-isolate which, in most cases, will mean the closure of a Key Worker bubble. If your child attends part time and was not present at school during the 48hour period, they may not need to isolate but will be unable to attend the provision as the bubble will be closed. We appreciate that this may cause inconvenience but we must follow the guidance in order to keep everyone safe.

Should you have any further questions relating to the Key Worker provision, please do get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harvey