

Workington & District Primary Heads Association

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Dear Parents/Carers

Following further discussion and analysis of local infection data this morning we have made the decision to only open our schools to vulnerable children and the children of key workers from Wednesday 6th January- Friday 15th January. Remote learning will be provided for all other pupils during this period.

As you can imagine this has been a very difficult decision for us to make but it has been made with the safety and well-being of our school communities at the heart of it. We know from looking at the latest news for our local area that pressure on health services is building and we feel that this is a way that we can support preventing the spread of infection as much as possible and keep everyone safe. The request for school closures for our County from Cumbria County Council to the DfE at the weekend also tells us as school leaders that this is the right thing to do.

Each school will contact you all directly regarding arrangements for key worker and vulnerable children places and their provision of remote learning for all other pupils.

We will be reviewing the situation on a daily basis and will contact you regularly to let you know what the plans are for after 15th January. We are hoping that this situation will be short term and we can welcome our pupils back on site as soon as possible.

Please be assured that we will all be supporting you to deliver remote learning and want you all to know that our staff are here to support you and your children through this challenging time once again.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support for us and our staff.

Your co-operation in helping us to keep everyone safe is much appreciated.

The Workington Primary Heads Association

Ashfield Infant School, Ashfield Junior School, Beckstone Primary School, Derwent Vale Primary & Nursery School, Distington Community School, Northside School, St Gregory's Catholic Primary School, St Mary's Catholic Primary School, St Michael's Infant & Nursery School, St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Seaton Academy, Seaton St Paul's Junior School, Westfield Nursery & Primary School.