

23 March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Our school continues to operate at this time of crisis. We have today reduced our staff to a minimum to supervise a small number of children whose parents are classed as essential workers and we have introduced social distancing measures within the school where practical.

We are grateful to all parents and carers who are making arrangements to supervise children at home and we recognise this may be a challenge. We are continuing to provide free school meals from school but there has been a low take up. If you want your child to have a free school meal, please email contact@cumberlandcst.org

We are maintaining online lessons and our staff are working very hard to keep to the timetable that has been scheduled. We have large numbers of staff who are self-isolating for one reason or another and we are grateful to them for making the effort in continuing to teach, particularly if they are supervising sick relatives. We are very aware that not everyone has access to a screen in each household and we are also recording lessons for students to access later. Updates will be sent on ParentMail and on the school website.

Finally, I would urge you all to follow the government guidance on social distancing and keep your child at home during these difficult times.

We will endeavour to keep you updated on further developments as they occur in this very fast-moving situation.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Omar Deria Head of School