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Dear Parents / Carers

I want to thank you for your continued patience during this time of uncertainty. We are in the midst of a global crisis and I share your concerns about what the future holds. I want to keep in touch to reassure you that we as a school are continuing to closely follow the advice of government and health officials.

We will try to keep the school open for as long as we can. However, given the latest announcement from the government, it is likely that we will experience a shortage in staff today and in the coming days. This may well mean we have to send certain year groups home. In the event of a larger scale closure, we will look to keep Year 11s and possibly Year 10s in school for as long as possible.

As we are approaching Y11 exams, it is crucial that our students are focused and working hard to ensure the best outcomes. Currently, there have been no announcements by the government regarding their exams and at this moment in time, it will go ahead as scheduled.

For all Y11s, in the unfortunate event where you feel you need to self-isolate your child, it is imperative that they are continually logging onto DPR and completing their work. Their teachers will be uploading work for their missed lessons and it must be completed and submitted via DPR back to their teacher.

The link to DPR can be found here: <https://dpr.education/>. Our institution number is 4033.

At the moment, the UK government policy is to keep schools open so that key workers in the NHS can remain on the front line, safe in the knowledge that their children will be cared for at school. That being said, our teachers are on the front line too, many of whom will fall into high risk categories. We are proud to put the needs of our community first ahead of our own and I want to thank you for your continued patience and support.

Most parents at The Cumberland School are sending their children into school and for as long as we can, we will continue to provide your children with a quality education.

Please continue to check the website and Parent Mail regularly. I will keep you posted.

Yours sincerely



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