20th March 2020

Dear parent

Re: Arrangements for priority childcare in Levens C E School next week

Further to the letter from Dan Barton at Cumbria County Council regarding the situation with Covid-19 that is available on the front page of our school website, I am writing to advise you of the arrangements for next week. I can confirm that Levens CE School will be open from 8.45am-5pm, with the exception of Monday when opening on that day is deferred until 9.30am.

We are opening specifically to provide priority childcare for parents who have been identified as key workers, and who cannot make any other arrangements for their childcare. The government have asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible.

Whilst based at Levens, children will need to bring a packed lunch, drinks and snacks, all clearly named as we will not have usual provisions in place. Children should arrive in their uniform with a spare set of clothes and trainers, for physical activity.

As we may also be offering care to pupils from other schools unable to open, that will mean that for Monday morning next week, drop-off will take significantly longer than usual as staff attempt to process information about any children who do not normally attend their schools, and as we work to ensure that appropriate staffing levels are in place.

The situation will develop over the week, and we await to hear from Cumbria CC about arrangements to include children from other groups, including the most vulnerable.

Please email (do not phone), the office no later than 5pm today to register your child to attend school next week if you meet the criteria of a 'key worker'.

With thanks in advance for your support and patience in this unprecedented and difficult situation.

With my very best wishes

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Jane Farraday

Headteacher