



LEVENS CE SCHOOL
Loving to Learn, Growing Together, Caring for All

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will already be aware, schools across England will close to the majority of pupils from this Friday 20th March for the foreseeable future.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to the dedicated staff team at Levens CE School who have worked so incredibly hard in increasingly challenging and difficult circumstances over the last few weeks; and particularly this week. Everyone has gone the extra mile to ensure our children have been safe in school; enjoyed routines and some normality; as well as continuing their learning. Staff will be working in schools in the area over the coming months to support our community further to ensure key workers are able to continue to go to work in our most vital services.

We have started to prepare work for the children to complete at home. Each classteacher is making changes to the class pages on our website where work will be uploaded and set. There are also links to online resources that the children can access on these pages. We have set up email accounts for each class so that you and/or your child are able to stay in touch with their classteacher. As Mrs Wadey is off school and remains unfit for work, I would ask parents of children in Skiddaw to be particularly patient as we try to get support for learning at home organised.

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Communication between home and school can and will continue via these email addresses and the office email. However, please can I ask that you consider the wellbeing of all the staff at Levens School by only contacting us about essential requirements and only in school hours. You also need to be aware that Levens School staff are also likely to be involved in working in schools within the area to provide childcare for key workers; whilst also trying to keep themselves and their families free from infection.

Although we will be able to send home some additional reading books for our KS1 pupils, please understand that resources are limited and children will bring home a maximum of 4 books on Friday. Please do not swap books between yourselves: we hope to find a way to offer an exchange system in good time.



The government has announced that some schools will remain open for children who may be vulnerable, have an EHCP or have parents who are identified as key workers in essential services such as the NHS or the police. If you believe that you meet this criteria and need support with childcare over the coming weeks and months; please refer to the letter from Dan Barton, Assistant Director for Education and Skills, published on the website. You will be asked to complete an online survey. Precise information about 'key workers' is expected to be announced by cabinet later today. I would also ask you keep me informed if you have made an application and believe that you qualify as a key worker.

Thank you for your support now and in the future as we approach such huge personal and social challenges. Please can I urge everyone to follow government advice about social distancing and self isolation. Family gatherings for Mothering Sunday, playdates and sleep overs should not be taking place for the foreseeable future and parents should not be asking for support with child care from grandparents or other parents. We all need to do as much as we can to protect our community and our loved ones.

Please can I also ask for your continued patience and understanding as school is bombarded with information and expectations that are changing every hour. Everyone at Levens, wishes you and your families well. We hope the current situation eases soon so that we can look forward to reopening school and returning to some normality as soon as is possible.

Further relevant information will continue to be shared when necessary.

Take care and stay safe,
With my very best wishes

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jane Farraday". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and personal.

Jane Farraday