



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

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly and most importantly, I hope this letter finds you; and your family and friends; safe, well and coping with the continuing challenges of our daily lives during this pandemic. I hope you have enjoyed a lovely Easter weekend in the sunshine too.

I am pleased to inform you that the Levens staff team and their families are all well.

Today should be the start of the summer term, with lots of learning and many events to look forward to in and out of school. So much is uncertain about the next few weeks and when the restrictions on our lives might be eased or lifted, but in the meantime we continue to try to adapt to our circumstances as best we can.

Thank you for all your efforts with home-schooling over the last few weeks. I know that some of you have enjoyed the experience, but I am also aware that some of you may have found this difficult or stressful, particularly when you have children of different ages; you are a key worker; or trying to work from home. Some parents are asking for more and for other families it is too much. The staff at Levens do not want to add to your pressures; but hope to be able to support our children with their learning in this way for as long as necessary. We also, more than anything, want your children to be happy, healthy and active.

Every Friday, classteachers update their class pages on the website with activities for the following week. We would really appreciate you keeping in touch with us to let us know how you are; how the learning at home is going; and your news via email or using Tapestry (Nursery, Reception and Year 1 pupils only). Let us know if we can support you further in any way and please keep sending in photographs so that we can blog news on our website.

It would be beneficial for every child to engage in at least a little learning regularly to maintain good routines. If school remains closed for the entire summer term and our children do not return to school until September, so much valuable learning time will have been lost. Some home learning, little and often, will really make a difference for our pupils until they are able to return to school.

Scafell - Brathay Residential May 2020:

Good news. I am pleased to be able to inform our parents that Brathay will be refunding school with payments already paid towards our trip scheduled for later this term. Once this payment has been received, parents will be reimbursed with a cheque in the post, but please be patient as this may take a little longer than usual to process due to the current climate.



New Starters in Reception September 2020:

The LA will be advising parents of the outcome of their application for a Reception place for September later this week. Where an email address has not been given, they will be unable to do this. If you have not heard about the outcome of your application by Friday 17th April, I suggest that you email school admissions at school.admissions@cumbria.gov.uk

I can assure you that we will be monitoring the situation and will be in a position to write to parents very soon. At this stage we are unsure about how our induction will work, but we will inform you as soon as there is a little more clarity.

Nursery starters that we know about at this stage, will be contacted by Mrs Coker in due course.

If your child will be remaining in nursery for the next academic year, Mrs Coker would be grateful to hear from you if you are considering increasing attendance hours. Please get in touch via the school email address at: office@levens.cumbria.sch.uk

Leavers 2020:

Whilst we are not yet sure how and when we will be able to celebrate this year's Y6 leavers, I am very pleased to advise that FOLS have offered to purchase the pupils' leavers hoodies this year. This is in case we are unable to arrange a leavers' treat, funded by FOLS in previous years. Hoodies are now ordered and will be with us before too long. We will then make suitable delivery arrangements. Thank you FOLS!

In the meantime, please stay safe and well; and please do keep in touch.

With my very best wishes



Jane Farraday