

19th March 2020

Dear Parents

I am sure you are all aware that as of Monday all schools will be closed to a majority of children.

We are in the process of putting a pack of work and ideas together, which we will send home tomorrow.

Schools are waiting for more information about the Prime Minister's announcement that children of keyworkers will be able to attend school. The DFE are sending out a list today defining key workers and my understanding at the moment is that **both** parents' jobs need to fall into this category.

At the moment I am asking you to email me – head@cumberland.portsmouth.sch.uk if both of you or if one of you is defined as a keyworker. This will give me an idea of how many children we are likely to have in school. Please do this as soon as possible, but by 9.00am on Friday 20th March at the latest. You need to let me know your keyworker role and the name of your child.

In terms of other children covered by the announcement are pupils with an Educational Health and Care Plan and vulnerable children. We will have to consider the level of need of the child and the risk to their health.

As you can appreciate, I also have to consider the health of the staff during these times and the number I will have to care for the children, as several have underlying health issues, so will not be able to come into school as we have to follow the Government Guidance for these people.

In all of this it is important that we consider the needs and risks to our families and staff.

Hopefully we will see you all before September!

Yours sincerely

Beverly Naylor

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