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**Chetwynde School**

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Dear Parent/Guardian

Further to the letter from the County Council please see information below.

The most recent scientific advice on how to further limit the spread of COVID-19 is clear. **If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading.**

That is why the government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked schools to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend.

Please, therefore, follow these key principles:

1. If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.
2. If a child has an EHCP, is vulnerable or has a parent who is a critical worker, then provision will be available for them, ***if necessary.***
3. Parents should not rely for childcare upon those who are advised to be in the stringent social distancing category such as grandparents, friends, or family members with underlying conditions.
4. Parents should also do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way which can continue to spread the virus. They should observe the same social distancing principles as adults.

If your work is critical to the COVID-19 response, or you work in one of the critical sectors, and you cannot keep your child safe at home then your children will be prioritised for child care, NOT education provision, at CHETWYNDE.

If you believe you or your child qualifies for a place, school will be open at **9.30am on Monday 23rd March**. Please meet on the school playground where we will register children and check eligibility. We will review the situation for the Easter holidays when closer to that point. All children ***who have no other option but to attend school***, will have to order a packed lunch through the lunch shop system as normal unless you send your own. Unfortunately hot dinners will not be available.

Please email [info@chetwynde.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:info@chetwynde.cumbria.sch.uk) if you know that your child will need to attend school next week.

Yours sincerely

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