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Dear Parents,

As reported in the news yesterday schools will be closing on Friday of this week. At this time it is uncertain when they will be re-opening.

In view of the closure of our school, staff will be preparing home packs for the various year groups, which will be available to access on the school website sometime next week. If you encounter any issues downloading the documents please contact the school for paper copies. With that in mind, it would be of great assistance to us if parents could provide an email address to enable us to contact you/send out updated information/documents as and when necessary.

As indicated we will provide updates on the school app and also on the website, so please also keep checking these forums.

It was also announced that some schools may be required to stay open to provide childcare for children whose parents are keyworkers. The government are to clarify in more detail today which roles this covers.

Please see the attached letter outlining how to apply for childcare if you are considered to be a keyworker. Parents must register online using the form indicated. Depending upon the number of responses received the Local Authority will then allocate places at a number of hub schools, which most likely will not include our site.

All staff will be in school next week if you need to get in contact with us. You can either ring the main office: 01228 212050 or contact us by email using the addresses below:

Office – admin@irthingtonvillage.cumbria.sch.uk

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Yours sincerely
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Childcare if schools close

We are planning for the possibility that schools will close. If NHS and social care employees cannot attend work because of childcare responsibilities this will create a major problem for health and care services that will directly affect their ability to care for seriously ill people.

It is possible that if schools close, some schools may be required to remain open to provide childcare for school age children whose parents work in health or social care and cannot make alternative childcare arrangements.

To help us prepare for this possibility we are asking families in these circumstances to complete this form with their contact details.

NONE OF THIS IS CERTAIN AND WE AWAIT GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE, BUT WE WANT TO BE PREPARED IN CASE WE GET TO THIS POINT.

The information we are collecting will be deleted if it is not required.

Complete the online form here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BMQHDGY>

If you cannot complete the form online speak to your child's school.

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