



Dear Parents and Carers,

9th November 2020

I hope that everyone has enjoyed the half term break and are continuing to stay safe during the current national lockdown that is now in place. This letter is simply to provide a brief update on the contingency planning that the governing body and the school staff have developed in response to the current situation.

We are fortunate that the government has taken the decision not to close schools this time round, however, there are no guarantees that this will continue to be the case and there are a number of scenarios that could significantly alter the operations of the school.

The Governing Body wanted to assure all parents and carers that we continue to monitor the situation and that we have developed robust contingency plans with Ms Stacey and the school staff to cater for a significant worsening of the current situation. We are not currently aware of any changes to this position, however, in the (hopefully unlikely) event that we are forced to close the school, we have plans in place to ensure we can offer continued learning and support to all our pupils. Full details of the plans can be found on the school's blog (link below) and a short summary of how we intend to proceed in the event of a transition to "home learning" is as follows:

<https://www.castlecarrock.cumbria.sch.uk/home-learning-provision/>

Class 1 and 2:

- A weekly learning grid will be posted every Monday morning on the school website. This will outline the expectations for different year groups
- Parents to be directed to the school landing page on the Google Drive to access a range of recommended websites to help children access maths and other lessons including those linked to class topics and other areas of learning. For Class 2 this may also include science and humanities.

Class 3 and 4:

- Class teachers will provide a weekly overview every Monday morning on the class pages website. This will outline the work for that week and will link directly to work on Google Classroom.
- Work will be set on Google Classroom daily and teachers will be online and contactable via Google Classroom every day from 10am – 12noon.
- Parents to be directed to the school landing page on the Google Drive to access a range of recommended websites to help children with their work.

We genuinely hope that we will not need to implement these plans, but the fact that we have them prepared should ensure that there is minimal disruption to our planned education activities should the worse happen. As always, please do get in touch with the school or your child's class teacher if you have any concerns.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christian Judd".

Christian Judd
Chair of Governors