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HEAD TEACHER *Mr M Ashton*

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Dear parents and carers

I am writing to let you know that following a meeting with the Warwick Bridge School Governing Board and Senior Management Team this evening, a decision has been taken to move to remote learning from Tuesday 5th January 2021. This applies to all children in all year groups. This decision will be reviewed during the week ending Friday 15th January with a view to reopening the school from Monday 18th January 2021.

We will prioritise the provision for vulnerable pupils and the children of key workers. These children will be taught in school by WBS staff and it is envisaged that the pupils will remain in their current classes with teaching staff. Teaching staff will move quickly to set up remote learning and all the requirements pupils will need to carry on their education from home. If your child receives Free School Meals, we will be in contact with you about how to collect them.

Children can attend school if they are vulnerable or a child of a key worker. If there are two adults in the household, both of them need to be key workers in order for the child/ren to come to school. If you are planning to bring your child to school from Tuesday 5th January 2021, please use the Class Dojo messaging system to inform the class teacher of your intention. Written evidence of your key worker status will be asked for in the form of a letter from your employer.

The Local Authority in Cumbria wrote to the Department of Education today asking for the same Tier 4 primary school closures for Cumbria as there have been in London. This request was not granted putting all the primary school in Cumbria in a very difficult position. This also leaves health and safety considerations to individual schools to consider. All the dedicated professionals at Warwick Bridge want to continue to educate the children, but we have to consider the even more important issue of safety for the children themselves and the wider community. Additionally, we have members of staff who are clinically vulnerable themselves or supporting household members who are clinically vulnerable.

Remote learning materials will be available online and we will contact you again on Monday 4th January to advise you if you need to collect books or other materials, and to offer you further support.

Thank you for understanding that this has been a very difficult decision to arrive at.

Everyone at Warwick Bridge School wishes you, your family members and loved ones the best of health and well-being at this time.

Yours sincerely

M Ashton
Head Teacher