

Childcare for Front-line Key Workers & Identified Pupil Groups During School Closure.

Dear Parents/carers

The Headteachers from the Brampton Area Schools Consortium have been working together with Cumbria County Council to establish a sustainable model to deliver essential childcare for front-line and key workers in this time of national emergency. You will no doubt understand that this has been a quickly evolving situation in light of daily updates from Government. These are unprecedented times.

A strategic decision has been taken to establish a 'hub school' which will provide childcare for pupils from across the area. This will have ongoing involvement of staff from each school. This model is being mirrored across Carlisle.

From Monday 30th March, Warwick Bridge School pupils who are eligible for essential childcare, will be cared for at Warwick Bridge School.

As per Government advice, please keep your child at home if this is possible.

School staff from across the cluster will help to establish the hubs. It is quite likely that childcare will not be provided by members of staff from your own school. All volunteer staff from across the Brampton group will be placed on a rota which is being developed to ensure the hubs are sustainable over time.

Cumbria County Council, under direction from Central Government, consider the hub model to be the sustainable way to ensure ongoing childcare provision in the weeks ahead.

Children will experience a consistent quality of childcare, and staff will be on hand to ensure smooth transition to the new arrangements.

Some details are still to be finalised and we will to send further information to you as soon as possible. The provision will be based around the usual school hours, however we aim to provide a service that will be more flexible so that pupils spend as little time in the provision as possible. Similarly, before school/after school provision is being explored and more information will follow from the Hub Schools once this is finalised.

Over the next two weeks, the emergency childcare provision will be for the pupils of critical key-workers only. Where EHCPs are in place, Headteachers will liaise with parents directly with regards to provision after Monday 13th April.

To ensure the safety of your child, pertinent details will be shared with specific and relevant leaders within the Hub. This will include contact details and medical information.

A streamlined booking system is in development, however at this time, you will need to liaise with your home school using the usual methods to let us know your childcare needs for the next two

weeks. **Please inform your child's school of your need for emergency childcare during the next two weeks by 5:00pm on Thursday 26th March. Use the email:**

head@warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk

We understand the time implications of this, but require up to date information to plan accordingly.

All children are to bring a packed lunch.

The Brampton Consortium, under guidance from the County Council, will continue to support the critical roles of our key workers from Monday through providing this provision. Please only use this emergency childcare if it is absolutely necessary.

We understand that this change will be unexpected for some, however at this time of national emergency it is imperative that provision is maintained across the locality.

Yours sincerely

The Headteachers of the Brampton Area Schools Consortium.