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**Warwick Bridge Primary School**  
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Hello to everyone in the Warwick Bridge School Community. We all hope that everyone is well and staying safe at this time. There have been a few announcements made this week regarding the return to school. The initial return is earmarked for Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June and this is for children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. There has been a great deal of discussion about this and the Local Authority has issued a letter that outlines the rationale behind the reopening plan. You can access this letter on the parents' section of the school website or by clicking:

[https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/uploads/792/A\\_Letter\\_to\\_Parents\\_12.5.20.pdf/](https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/uploads/792/A_Letter_to_Parents_12.5.20.pdf/)

#### **Opening Warwick Bridge School**

**THIS INFORMATION COULD CHANGE. THE BRAMPTON CLUSTER OF SCHOOLS IS ADOPTING A CLUSTER-WIDE APPROACH TO SCHOOL REOPENING. WBS WILL NEED TO KNOW PARENT/CARER INTENTIONS AT THIS TIME IF AND WHEN SCHOOLS REOPEN. PLEASE COMPLETE THE ONLINE SURVEY.** <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Q8DSXGD>.

As mentioned in the paragraph above, a lot has been said about the safe return of children to the classrooms at Warwick Bridge School. We have to think of the coming weeks and plan for the return even though events may change quickly. A great deal of discussion has taken place at Warwick Bridge between the staff and members of the Governing Board. The school wants to open if it is safe to do so. The decision has therefore been taken to close the school as the Brampton Cluster Childcare Hub during the May half-term break. This will enable everyone in the school community to take a well-earned break from the tasks of setting work and liaising with families. Conditions permitting, **staff will return to school on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June** and during this first week back they will prepare classrooms and the work they will carry out with pupils. The whole set up of the school will have to be reorganised to accommodate the return of pupils – therefore, **no pupils will be in school during the week of 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> June**. On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June, conditions permitting, the school will reopen for the pupils of the following age groups – **Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children, plus the children in any year group (except Nursery) of Key Workers**. This decision has been taken to safeguard everyone in the school community at this extremely difficult time.

In order to ascertain the number of children coming to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June we are asking parents and carers to complete an online survey. This can be accessed at: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Q8DSXGD>. Please complete the survey as soon as possible. We also realise that some parents/carers are extremely anxious about sending children back in to school – this is completely understandable. The DfE has pointed out that no parent/carer will be penalised if they choose **not** to send their child/ren back in to school if they are in one of the cohorts expected to return. Thank you for your cooperation.

#### **Call Mr Ashton**

Thank you to all the pupils who called school on Wednesday to speak with Mr Ashton. It was a very enjoyable morning and lots of fantastic conversation was had. We hope to repeat this again in a week or two so if you have any questions, stories or even a joke you want to tell please get ready for the next call-in.

#### **VE Day Celebrations**

Even though the celebratory weekend could not be marked in the ways we wanted it to, it was still a memorable time. We would have preferred to have our picnic and dressing up day, but we hope families were able to mark the occasion in their own ways at home. There was an impressive amount of work produced and displayed online by many pupils. Well done to you all and thank you to the hard work of the families.

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### **Home Learning**

All staff at Warwick Bridge School have organised learning for the pupils to do at home. The pupils will require access to the internet to do a lot of these activities. If you have trouble accessing the internet please telephone the school. There is someone in school to take your call if you can telephone between 9-11am each day. You can also leave a message on the school answerphone and this is monitored daily. If you are having problems printing materials let your class teacher know. The vast majority of work, however, does not need printing out at all. Children can work from the screen and write the answers to work on a lined or plain piece of paper. If you are unable to print any work please contact your class teacher and we can arrange work to be collected from school. Don't forget that you can upload work onto Class Dojo for the teachers to see.

Every member of the school community would like to say a huge **THANK YOU** to all those parents and carers who are making sure that the children are still learning at this difficult time. Kitchens have become classrooms and homes are now schools. We have been impressed by all your hard work – it is very much appreciated.

**Class Dojo** – Teachers will be using Class Dojo in order to set work and send you messages. If you are not on Class Dojo please email the class teacher with your details so they can organise work being sent. Staff can be contacted on their school email address.

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### **Mrs Reid – a Cookery Masterclass**

Mrs Reid has again been very busy in the kitchen recently. She has posted a video showing you how to bake your own Fairy Cakes and it is done in easy to follow step-by-step instructions. To watch the video go to : <https://youtu.be/rV-wMa3bp8Q>  
There will be another cookery video to watch very soon.

### **School Video**

Thank you to all staff, pupils, parents and carers who got involved in the latest school video. There are a myriad of messages for you to look at if you click on <https://youtu.be/yDVvrOU5xzs>. Thank you to Mr Walsh for putting this together – it really is a fantastic video.

### **Lockerbie Manor Residential**

Parents and carers will now know that the residential is not going ahead this year. All Y5 and 6 families can obtain a full refund if you send Mrs Ridley your banking details – name of bank/building society, sort code and account number. Some Y5 parents may want to roll their payment forward to 2021. Please let Mrs Ridley know if you would like to do this.

Have a good weekend

Mr M Ashton