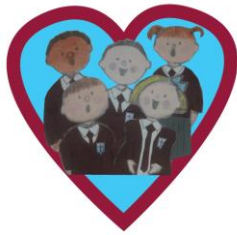


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A small school with a big heart

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we near the end of a very challenging week for you all, I would like to thank everyone for your efforts with home learning...again.

Our class teachers appreciate all that you are doing. We know how difficult it is; many of us are parents too.

I understand the frustration that many of you felt with me at the start of the week, when I took the decision to close the school even before our Prime Minister announced schools were closing.

At the time of making the decision, there wasn't a clear steer from the local authority as to which children should be provided a place. I also was working within the constraints of our workforce and the need to get community transmission in Barrow down as quickly as possible. In the absence of this information, I chose to apply the following criteria for our hub which is currently capped at 15 places, approximately 20% of our total number on role; Pupils whose adults are both healthcare workers, Pupils whose adults are both health, BAE critical, or education workers.

On Thursday evening, further guidance arrived from the local authority. I have been instructed to apply the following criteria: Pupils who have a social worker, pupils with ECHPs, pupils whose parents are working directly in life saving or critical health care. I hope that this clarifies our position and you can see why you haven't been offered a place for next week despite asking for one.

Please contact me if you need further clarification about this or any other matter whilst school is closed to most pupils.

Hope you all stay safe and well.

Best wishes,

Mrs Webster

