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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all managing to keep well and have been able to enjoy the good weather this week in the garden or through a daily walk. We are certainly living in very challenging times and I am most encouraged by the communications I have received regarding how well you are coping at home. Suddenly becoming the teacher will be an unexpected career change for most of you, but please do persevere as it will make all the difference for your child when we all come back to school again.

Today would have been the last day of the Spring term. However, for those parents who are keyworkers in the COVID-19 pandemic response, school will continue to be open to look after your child/ren and will remain so continuously, throughout term time and holidays (including the Easter holidays) until further notice. You may be contacted by Cumbria County Council directing your child to a hub school, however, at Castle Park, we are happy to continue to provide care here at school for as long as we can.

I reiterate the national message from Government and Public Health England. **If it is possible for your child to be cared for at home, then they should be.** It is crucial that we all do everything we can to limit the spread of COVID-19 to enable keyworkers to care for those who are sick and for other key services to continue. We all have our part to play and I am sure that you will act responsibly and not ask us to care for your child/ren when this could be done at home.

If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals, school will continue to distribute Morrisons vouchers each week to support your family to buy the food you need. If the current delivery system needs to be changed for any reason, we will let you know.

School is open from 8.30a.m. – 4.15p.m. on weekdays. If you are a keyworker that requires additional childcare outside of these hours, please contact the school using the office email address (admin@castle-park.cumbria.sch.uk) and we will support you if we can.

The next pack of schoolwork for your child will be available on Monday 13th April. Further details about how to access the work will follow nearer the time.

In the meantime, keep up the great work at home and keep well.

With best wishes,

Mrs H F Richardson

Headteacher

