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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we embark upon the Easter weekend, I am writing to thank you for all your hard work at home with your children. The teachers have been busy preparing the next batch of work for you to enjoy at home and you will find a document entitled '**Accessing and Downloading Resources from Dropbox**' distributed with this letter which will assist in accessing the work.

Each department (Early Years, Key Stage 1, Lower Key Stage 2 and Upper Key Stage 2) has a folder with work from the teachers relevant to the needs of your child. The teachers have written letters to their classes to keep in touch and these are included in the new batch of work too. The next batch of work for your child/ren can be accessed from Monday 13th April. Please browse through the folders and choose the work you would like to access each day. You can download the work you choose to do and print off or simply use the exercise book that was given out in the pack at the beginning of the school closure period. Alternatively, if you are having difficulties accessing the work, school can print it off and arrange delivery to your home. If you require any assistance, please contact the school using the office email admin@castle-park.cumbria.sch.uk and we will do our best to help.

A book has been published to help children understand about the COVID-19 pandemic and why their daily lives have changed for the moment. The book has been written in a child friendly way, using advice from health and education professionals, and can be accessed using this link:

https://nosycrowcoronavirus.s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/Coronavirus_ABookForChildren.pdf

I hope you find it a useful resource.

Cumbria County Council have distributed a 'Coronavirus (COVID-19): South Lakeland Update' and this useful information can be accessed using this link:

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKCCC/bulletins/285d471>

I have also attached a NHS information sheet about what to do if your child becomes ill during this period.

Castle Park School continues to be open from 8.30am - 4.15pm every weekday, including the bank holidays, offering childcare to the children of keyworkers at our school. If you are a keyworker requiring childcare, please contact the school using the office email address (admin@castle-park.cumbria.sch.uk) and we will support you through this difficult time. As a school we feel it is of the utmost importance to support parents, who have to work each day as part of the COVID-19 response, by providing safe childcare with staff the children know.





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 and 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.

Families with children in receipt of free school meals will continue to receive Morrisons vouchers on Fridays, delivered by staff volunteers. The mechanism for distribution of this financial support may change in the coming weeks but I will keep you informed of any changes to the system.

As email and the website are the most efficient way for me to keep in touch with you, please look out for prompt text messages and keep checking your emails and the website regularly for updates.

In the meantime, keep up the great work at home and keep well. The staff are very grateful for everything you are doing at home to support your child's education. We wish you all a very Happy Easter.

With best wishes,

Mrs H F Richardson

Headteacher

