



# St Michael's Nursery and Infant School

Station Road, Workington, CA14 2UY Tel. 01900 608111

Our website address: [www.smhwkt.cumbria.sch.uk](http://www.smhwkt.cumbria.sch.uk)

Dear Parents

As you will have heard from Thursday the country will be going into a partial lock down. This does not include schools and we will remain fully open.

Government guidance is still that younger children are less susceptible to the virus however, we do have an extensive risk assessment to ensure that we are able to keep the children and staff as safe as possible. Two of our staff members are also in the clinically vulnerable category so we do need to be extra vigilant about the spread of this virus.

We will continue to maintain a high level of hygiene throughout the school. Measures include spraying the children's hands when they come into school and we will continue to wash hands regularly throughout the day. Surfaces are wiped down regularly throughout the day and both buildings are thoroughly cleaned every day.

I ask that you adhere to the COVID restrictions and maintain a 2-metre distance from each other on the yard and also use the one-way system we have in place. **As an extra measure I would also ask that parents start to wear a mask or face covering when on the school grounds** (unless you are exempt). I understand that this is an extra restriction but I am trying to ensure the safety of our school family.

Please can I also ask you to be vigilant and watch for your child developing any of the COVID symptoms;

- temperature,
  - new persistent cough
- and/or
- loss of taste and smell.

If you are at all in doubt please seek medical advice by calling 111 and they will advise you if your child needs to be tested. If this is the case please let school know as soon as possible.

We are also in the season of other viruses and tummy bugs. Please do not send your child into school if they are unwell. If they have sickness or diarrhoea they must stay at home for 48 hours after the last episode of either.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that we keep all of our children, staff and parents as safe as possible.

