



Alston Moor Federation
Alston Primary School
Nenthead Primary School
Samuel King's School

Working Together – Achievement For All

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Arrangements for priority childcare/education in ALSTON MOOR FEDERATION next week

Further to the letter from Dan Barton at Cumbria County Council regarding the situation with Covid-19, I am writing to advise you of the arrangements for next week.

I can confirm that ALSTON MOOR FEDERATION will be open next week from 9.30am-3.00pm in order to provide priority childcare for parents who have been identified as key workers, and **who cannot make any other arrangements for childcare.**

The Alston site will be open however Nenthead will not. Therefore any Nenthead families who wish to take up this offer, will need to bring their child to the Alston site for 9.30am on Monday morning. Nenthead staff will be working from the Alston site.

In order to plan for this provision, please can you contact the Alston office (alstonoffice@alston.cumbria.sch.uk) and Sally Timmons (stimmons@alston.cumbria.sch.uk) before 8.30am on Monday morning so we have a clear idea of numbers. We can only make provision for children who we are expecting in on Monday. Please can you forward the name of your child and your occupation from the list of key workers circulated by Dan Barton.

Please be aware that this provision is care for these children, not education. The children may not be in an activity with their usual teacher as we have staff from all three schools supporting this provision.

There is no requirement to order a school meal through Live Kitchen but all children will be provided with a school meal. School uniform is expected.

As CCC have indicated, there is no Cumbria school transport available. I believe Durham County Council have asked school transport if they can bring their children to school if required. Please contact Weardale Private Hire to discuss this if your child is a County Durham child.

The situation will continue to develop over the week and it may be that places for priority childcare are not available until Tuesday, depending on the level of demand that we experience on Monday morning. At this stage, no decision has been made beyond Friday 27th March.

Thank you in advance for your support and patience in this unprecedented and difficult situation.

S Timmons

Acting Headteacher

