



## CUMBRIA FUTURES FEDERATION COVID-19 CHARTER

The Senior Leadership Team at Cumbria Futures Federation is committed that both the physical and emotional safety of our children, families and staff is to be of the primary importance when making any decisions about reopening schools. We are desperate to have our schools open, have our students back where they should be. However THE most important thing for all of us is that our students come back to us as safely as possible.

We have studied all of the guidance sent to us, including guidance from the government Department for Education, from Cumbria County Council and from joint shared unions. All of these groups accept that each and every school will have to manage the reopening in a different way. No two children are exactly the same. No two schools are exactly the same. Each school is carrying out a detailed and individual risk assessment in relation to how many children the school can accommodate and how many staff there are available.

No school leader can completely guarantee that schools will be entirely COVID 19 secure. No medics and no scientists in the world can guarantee this. All any of us can do, is our absolute best to reduce risk as much as possible.

There are however several things that we can promise to do and as a Federation these are the things that we agree are very important. These are the steps that we will endeavor to take to try and keep your child safe.

1. Remember the way schools reopen will look and be different because every school is different.

2. As with the hub schools that were running up to the Whit holiday, each school in our Federation will prioritize accommodating the children of key workers, vulnerable children and children who have an ECHP (GROUP 1 children). Parents must email the office to book a place:  
office@solway.cumbria.sch.uk or beaconhill@beaconhill.cumbria.sch.uk

3. We agree that we will endeavor to keep children in their own discrete separate bubble, with the same staff, at all times.

4. We will complete and adhere to the LA published risk assessments and amend as required as new information and requirements are identified.

5. All schools will also have regard to the joint union advice and guidance issued. Schools are workplaces too.

6. We will put in place a revised behaviour policy for students designed to ensure safety for students, staff, parents and others both inside and outside of school

7. Where possible, schools in our Federation endeavour to open for Group 1 children on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June but please keep your eye out for communications regarding exact opening details.

8. From Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June, should everything be going well, both schools in our Federation will open to year 6 pupils in collaboration with our feeder primaries.
9. From Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June we will endeavour to provide opportunities for our Year 10 students to book 1:1 tutoring and support with teachers.
10. We will endeavour to maintain 2m social distancing for children and staff, although this cannot be guaranteed.
11. No parents or carers will be allowed into the school building and where necessary and appropriate children will be brought to school and collected from school by an adult, and children should be reminded by parents of the need to ensure social distancing on the way to and from school. Should it be reported that families are not social distancing outside of school, in order to reduce the risk of infection, schools retain the right to then refuse a place for that child(ren).
12. So as to ensure equality of opportunity, all children in school will be following the same online and/or printed learning tasks as those children not in school
13. Our students will not be able to share equipment such as pens and pencils and will need to have their own equipment, provided by school, that stays in school. School kitchens will not be open and children must bring a packed lunch and sufficient water to last them the day as they will not be able to fill water bottles.
14. All soft furnishings will be removed from school, rooms and all surfaces will be clear to enable adequate and regular cleaning and sanitising.
15. Students will be allocated a specific desk and a specific computer and will sit at that desk at all times. This includes at break and lunchtimes.
16. We recognise that children should wear different and clean clothes every day they attend school.
17. Depending on individual risk assessments, personal protective equipment (PPE) may need to be worn, by staff and/or children depending on specific risk assessments carried out in relation to sites and individuals and job roles.
18. Should, for whatever reason, one of our schools need to be closed, please note that children cannot join another school.
19. While we will attempt to man offices, the only way parents, carers, students, staff and visitors can access office services is via email or phone. Visits in person will be forbidden.
20. Please note that the curriculum is suspended until September but your child will be provided with learning tasks relevant to their capabilities.
21. The Senior Leadership Team respect the fact that whether or not you send your child back to school is your choice. Presently, the government are not looking at any consequences for those who decide to keep their child(ren) at home. YOUR CHILD, YOUR CHOICE.

Obviously, all of these matters depend on any new government advice and updates and on how successful the reopening of each individual school setting is. Risk assessments will be undertaken daily and checks maintained in order to see that precautions are as effective as can be but obviously we cannot promise that our settings are completely COVID 19 secure.