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School Motto:
**“Let Your Light
Shine”**

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Dear Cragside Family

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Thank you for all your help with the children returning to school. It was such a joy, last week, to see the enthusiasm of the children returning to school. There was a tangible sense of eagerness to learn throughout the school. The noise of our playgrounds, fields and forest school filled with happy children playing together was something really special.

Thank you for all your help last week with the wider reopening of school and your practical support of the measures that we have in place to try to minimise the impact and spread of the virus.

We really appreciate your help with some of the key safety features for the beginning and end of the day:

- Please would it be possible for only one adult to bring his/her child into the school yard and collect at the end of the day. Thank you for distancing from other families.
- Please would adults wear a face covering on the yard and follow the arrows.
- Please avoid waiting or standing near the school gates so children and adults can move freely through the gates.
- Thank you for your help holding the hands of younger children coming into school to the school grounds.
- Please would it be possible to continue not to bring bikes or scooters during this new week to help avoid groups of children going into the cycle/scooter sheds. We hope that we can start these again on Monday 22nd March and will let children and adults know before then.

General Update

We have been informed by Cragside private Nursery (based on our site) that they have had to close the Nursery for the next two weeks due to some confirmed cases. Our thoughts are with staff, parents and children in the Nursery. If you have children in the Nursery, guidelines are that they should not come into our school grounds whilst they are isolating.

We are conscious that some of your children might have brothers or sisters in the Nursery. If they are showing any symptoms then please keep them off school and book a test. If they are not showing symptoms, then they should come to school as they are classed as a 'contact of a contact'(unless someone at home has tested positive or is showing symptoms in which case they, too, should isolate).

At the start of this new school week, we have one class group who are isolating. We have worked hard to identify close contacts and have informed parents and staff who are close contacts. We also have reduced capacity in our school office this week. If it is possible, please would you email in any queries to admin@cragside.northumberland.sch.uk and we will seek to answer them as swiftly as possible.

Across our whole country, each time schools have had a period of wider opening, there have been some slight increase in confirmed cases. We continue to work around the clock to support the safe movement of all our adults and children around school and are so grateful for all your help with this. Thank you very much for all your help reminding children about areas such as cleaning hands and putting tissues in the sealed white bins which are in each classroom.

Reception News-A Message from Mrs Pemberton

A huge well done to our fabulous Reception children this week! We were so excited to see your smiley faces on Monday and are so proud of how well you have all settled back into school. We have spent a lovely week together focusing on 'Owl Babies' and reading stories by Morag Hood. You have worked super hard on your numbers and we all loved being back together in the forest on Monday. Thank you Reception for a wonderful week - we are excited for next week! Have a lovely weekend with your families.

Non Uniform Days

A reminder that we have two non-uniform days coming up soon...

- Friday 19th March is Comic Relief Day-children are welcome to come in non-uniform. It would be lovely if all the children would be able to wear something red to support Comic Relief.
- Thursday 25th March is 'Chapter Two' of World Book Day. Children are welcome to dress up as a book character or come in non-school uniform.

Thank you very much for all your help throughout this new school week. I am sorry if the news which was sent out at the end of last week came as a shock to some of you. Cragside feels very much like an extension of my own family. It is there, in my head, each minute of every day and there is no delight more than to welcome all our children into school each day and to see our wonderful families who care so much about their children.

I am so blessed to work alongside incredible school leaders and staff in our school. Our governors share our future vision and are so ambitious for all our children and our school. Together, we will do all that we can during these next two weeks, and the summer term, to help all our children to thrive and flourish as we all settle back into school. We are really excited with all the opportunities that this summer term offers and are grateful for your ongoing support and help.

Thank you; again, for reminding children about the safety systems at the start and end of the day and also through the day as we seek to keep all at Cragside safe.

I hope amidst all that we are living through that all our 'mums' have had a lovely Mothering Sunday and had a little time being spoilt on your special day. Happy Mother's Day!

Many thanks,
Paul Rusby