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Covid Update

Adults and children who develop one or more of the 3 main symptoms of COVID-19 (a new continuous cough, a high temperature or a change in taste or smell) are still advised to get a PCR test and stay at home until the result is known. [Free PCR testing](#) continues to be available until the end of March 2022. From Thursday 24 February, there was no longer a *legal requirement* to self-isolate following a positive COVID-19 test result. However, because COVID-19 is still circulating at quite a high level and can still be a threat to more vulnerable people, the *public health advice* has not changed. Therefore, adults and children who test positive are still advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can choose to start daily LFD testing 5 days after their symptoms start (or 5 days following a positive test result if they have no symptoms). Once a person has two negative LFD test results (taken on consecutive days), or they complete 10 full days of staying at home (whichever comes first), they can return to their education setting if they feel well enough to do so and they do not have a high temperature. Further details are available in the [national guidance](#).

PE Kits

PE takes place on a Wednesday and Friday; can all children bring in their PE kits on these days. We are also missing some of our school spare PE kits (red t-shirt with logo and navy shorts), if you do have any of these can be returned to school, thank you.

Cross Country at Lanercost – 26th March 2022

The annual Cross Country at Lanercost takes place on Saturday 26th March 2022. The first race starts at 10.30am, but all competitors are advised to arrive around 10am to make sure that you can park safely and get to the starting line in time. The races are open for all ages, from Reception to Year 6 children. Please let us know if your child will be participating next Saturday.

Billionaire Boy – Thursday 31st March 2022

On Thursday 31st March 2022, the whole school will be visiting the Sands Centre Carlisle, to see the West End production of Billionaire Boy by David Williams. Please can all permission slips and payments be returned to the school office, no later than Wednesday 23rd March 2022.

Cumbria's Holiday Activity and Food Programme Launch

[Cumbria's Holiday Activity and Food Programme](#) has launched its official Easter offer. From the 15th March onwards, the offer will encompass [all eligible children](#), with most activities also being available to book (for a cost) for non-eligible children / young people. Just like with the Winter programme, schools have an important role in ensuring that children and families are aware of the free activities they can access over the school holidays. There are leaflets below for families to find out the information for the area they are nearest to.

- [Allerdale](#)
- [Barrow-in-Furness](#)
- [Carlisle](#)
- [Copeland](#)
- [Eden](#)
- [South Lakes](#)

Visit cumbria.gov.uk/holidays for further information about the programme and to search the range of activities on offer.

Ukrainian Refugees

There has been a request to see if anyone in the area is able to house Ukrainian refugees. The request has come in the form of a message from Robert Brown Robert.Brown@BewcastleHouseOfPrayer.org.uk. He says:

We are extraordinarily fortunate to have a couple of Ukrainian descent in the benefice and who do speak Ukrainian. They have offered to act as a point of contact for anyone potentially offering hospitality to refugees as part of the Government scheme.

In order to address the issue of potential isolation, there needs to be at least two elements in place in addition to those specified by the Government:

1. *More than one household in the benefice offering hospitality*
2. *Access to transport (eg loan of a car)*

At this point we don't know if the Government scheme will even accept offers of hospitality from rural communities such as ours, but we want to make sure we have some communication network in place, and be able to demonstrate that we have at least thought through some of the issues.

With the above two points in mind, if anyone knows of anyone who is thinking seriously about offering hospitality in the benefice, please could you ask them to get in touch with me and I will pass their details on? If there are a number of people willing to do this, then a coordinated offer from the benefice might make more sense than individual offers, although the actual registration with the Government still has to be undertaken by individuals.

Easter Football, Dance and Gymnastics Camps

Elite Football Elite Football are offering football training at their Easter Holiday Camps. These will take place at Caldew school Dalston over the Easter break. There are girls only sessions too. Ages from 6-14 are welcome to apply to the camps. For more information and full details of how to book please contact: info@elitefootballcarlisle.co.uk.

Carlisle United – Contact soccerschools@carlisleunitedcst.co.uk for details of their Easter training schedule. These are for children aged 5-12yrs. CUFC are also offering Dance and Gymnastic Camps for pupils aged 6-11yrs. You can contact them on the same email address.

Free Easter Golf at Brampton Golf Club

Brampton Golf Club is happy to be working alongside Brampton Action Area Group offering children's Golf coaching in the Easter Holidays. (With more to follow in the summer). The coaching is open to boys and girls aged between 7 and 16 years. Funding for this has come through the Postcode Lottery and Brampton Action Area Group are hoping to get as many children who receive Free School Meals to attend. The sessions will be free for the children who receive this and a small charge for those who don't. The session will be held on Monday the 4th of April from 12 till 3pm, with lunch included. The coaching will be conducted by two PGA golf professional. Please see the link below for a booking form.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdUshA622ID44DOyc9gOQghJfSNhVgREKIK7k8SAk3kNhYeZg/viewform>

Have a very good week

Mark Ashton