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Dear Parents,

*Coronavirus – COVID-19 - Update*

As you will now be aware the government has directed that all schools will close after Friday.

We are still waiting for more details and clarification, especially with regards to Key Workers and Vulnerable groups.

This evening, the Full Governing Body met and we have agreed the following key principles:

- The school will close as per government direction from end of day, this Friday
- The school will remain closed until further notice
- We will follow the government advice regarding which roles qualify as a Key Worker and which children are defined as being vulnerable
- As soon as we have this information parents will be asked to confirm if they are:

1) a Key Worker (evidence may be required)

2) to indicate what level of access to the school they may require

- Parents of any child who is defined as vulnerable will be contacted directly by me to discuss the level of support required
- There can be no exceptions made to the closure restrictions and only children of parents defined as Key Workers, or those defined as being within the vulnerable group will be permitted on school premises.

As we had anticipated a closure, we have set work to allow pupils to continue to engage in education whilst at home until the planned Easter Holidays. More details will be provided before the school closure on Friday.

Any child not in school on Friday (due to isolation) will receive a hand delivered package as soon as possible. Please can parents of other absent children (for example, those with a cold or bug) collect these packs before 3.15pm on Friday.

Staff and Governors are continuing to discuss ways in which the school can support pupils in the event that closures extend beyond the Easter Holidays. An update on this will be communicated via email in the normal way. Please understand that at this time, we have no further information other than that already available in mainstream media. As soon as we have further clarity, or relevant information, we will update all parents.

Can I therefore request that parents do not contact the school office as they will have no further information to provide at this time.

We obviously understand the impact the government's decision will have and the challenges caused by an absence of information. These are unprecedented actions and like you, we continue to monitor the situation closely. As a school community we will continue to support our children for as long as we are able and would like to thank you for your continued support.

With kind regards,  
Mrs Bilner