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Dear Parent/Carer

Yesterday all schools in England were advised to close on Friday 20th March for an indefinite period. This is in response to the coronavirus outbreak and the intention is to limit the spread of the disease.

Further to this announcement, schools have been asked to play a different role in the national effort in tackling coronavirus. From Monday we are being asked to open to provide care for those whose parents or carers are key workers. The Secretary of State is clear: this is an entirely different role for schools and school staff. It is primarily about care, not education. Currently we know that key workers include:

- NHS staff
- Police officers
- Supermarket delivery drivers

When we are given more information from the government this list may change. We will strive to make arrangements as required. If **both** parents/ carers fall into this category, I would be grateful if you could **contact the school office to identify if you intend sending your child/ren in on Monday**. We will obviously need proof of employment in these sectors before then.

As a school we understand that this will cause disruption to both families and our children's education. To limit this disruption we will be sending home learning for the children to complete as required. For children already self-isolating, these packs will be available to collect from the school office. In addition, every class will have work set **daily** on Class Dojo for those able to access this facility. There is no expectation from school for all of these activities to be completed. We have also added a home learning page to our website which can be found under 'Curriculum.' This signposts a range of websites that the children have free access to.

Whilst school is closed parents and carers should visit the school website for updates. We will also use Parentmail for communication purposes. Teachers will not respond to messages on ClassDojo and all enquiries should be made via the school email address.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused and hope that things can return to normal as soon as possible. Your support and patience has been very much appreciated by all our staff at this difficult time. We wish you and your families well in the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely


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