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Dear Parent or Carer,

I am sure you have heard all about the Government's latest plans for tackling the Coronavirus. Closing schools is an unprecedented move and shows how seriously they are taking this crisis. We are currently working hard to decide on our plan going forward and the logistics of organising this. The information we have available is changing constantly and we will endeavour to keep you updated as best we can.

As it stands, the key points are:

- School will close on Friday to the vast majority of pupils until further notice.
- It will remain open to children of 'key workers'. We are still awaiting a definition of this but we believe it will include people who work in the NHS, emergency services, social care, schools etc.
- School is also open to 'vulnerable' children (i.e. those with an EHCP or social care involvement).

I want to reassure you that we are doing everything we can to support our families at this difficult time. Given the purpose of closing schools is to minimise the risk of infection, we would encourage you to keep your child at home if you possibly can – but we are here for you if you need us. We have already spoken to many of you but could we request you get in touch if you think your child will need to attend next week.

For those of you who are at home, please be assured that you do not lose your school place – we are still your school and will be here for you if you need us. We will continue to communicate with you via sQuid, the school website and social media (Facebook & Twitter). You can contact us via telephone or email at any time. We sent home learning packs home yesterday and more will be uploaded to the school website shortly – please bear with us!



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There are many things to work out over the next few days but our plans so far are:

For those coming to school:

- It is open from 7:30am until 6pm (before & after school hours will be chargeable)
- It will be open during the Easter holidays
- Attendance is flexible and non-compulsory – don't come if you don't have to!
- We will still be learning but timetables will be more relaxed
- Classes will be mixed / combined
- You should still wear your uniform

Thank you for your understanding in this matter. We appreciate your support and will overcome the challenges together. We will send out another update tomorrow.

Yours Sincerely

Mr Gaughan

