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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Re: Coronavirus update – school closure

Following on from my last update, I'm now writing to let you know that **we have now been instructed to close the school to almost all children after this Friday until further notice.**

As advised by the government, we will do all we can to stay open for the children of key workers and children we recognize as needing additional care at this time.

The definition of a Key Worker we are using until further guidance from the government:

- All National Health workers (NHS)
- Emergency services (Police, Fire, Ambulance)
- Power services (Electricity, Gas, Water)
- All Delivery drivers (where no home supervision is possible)
- Anyone working in an open educational setting
- Essential community support (Social Worker, Probation officer, care worker, funeral director)

It would help us in the meantime if you could let us know if you think your child should come to school from next week. Please complete the reply form by **10:00 Friday 20th March**. We will then be in touch again, as soon as we are sure of the staffing, to confirm details.

At this point in time we are planning to provide free breakfast for all children school is open for and then age-appropriate activities through the school day. All the children allowed in school will also receive a free school lunch. **Please complete the reply form if you think you are a Key Worker and wish to bring your child to school.** If your child is considered 'in need' then a separate letter is being sent inviting your child into school.

All other children will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school from Monday onwards. Any children that do come to school and show any signs of the virus will be sent home and be expected to isolate.

Please note that this is a national closure – as you may have heard in the news – so while it is a challenging situation, we are not alone. We'll re-open fully as soon as we can and will let you know when this is by communicating through Parent Mail.

What we'll continue doing while your child is at home



Your child's learning is of course important to us, so we'll continue to help your child to learn.

- We are sending home activities you could be doing with your children during this period. We will put further ideas on the Year Group pages of the school website in the weeks to come. **If you have not been able to have your pack sent home, then please collect it from the school office/or if there is someone that can collect for you.**
- We will continue to use Parent Mail for other updates and teachers are considering ways to contact you more informally through email and Marvellous Me.

If your child is entitled to free school meals, we will also be in touch with more information about how you can get support from a food voucher scheme that the government has just announced.

This is as much as we know right now, and we appreciate your continued patience as we deal with this ever-changing situation. We understand that this latest news will have an impact on you and your family and it's far from ideal, but we'll continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

If you want to get in touch to share any concerns, please do not hesitate to do so via the school office.

Remember: if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please use [NHS 111 online](#).

Thank you again for your continued support, and we will be in touch with more information when we can.

Kind Regards



Tony Berwick
Head Teacher

