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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils

Following on from the statement from the Government last evening, 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 (e.g. NHS staff, police, others in frontline services) and children with certain needs.

We are waiting for the government to publish more information on what this means, but it would help us in the meantime if you could let us know if you think your child may fall into one of these categories. We will let you have the list once it is defined by the government later today. Please let the office know immediately by email if you fall into one of these categories and wish your child to take up the provision from Monday.

We'll be in touch again as soon as we are sure who this does apply to and how the provision will work.

All other children will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school from Monday onwards.

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 email and the school website.

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 have already sent home material for you to start using with your children and teachers will liaise with you on pupil asset mail to direct you to resources and learning on a daily basis from Monday. In addition we will use the school website to circulate information and ideas for classwork. You can contact the school via the office and head email accounts and telephone numbers as usual.

If your child usually receives free school meals we will also be in touch with more information about how we will continue to provide this, with support from a scheme that the government has just announced.

This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience with 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 don't hesitate to do so via phone or email.

And 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.

Yours sincerely,

J Gardener
Headteacher