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Dear Parents/carers

You will have heard the Prime Minister announcing last night that schools will close at the end of Friday for all pupils, apart from those who are vulnerable or those whose parents are key workers. Schools are closing due to a Government directive and we must follow this.

Schools heard this news at the same time you did. Schools had no prior warning and we have not been given any definitive information about closure. Currently, we do not know which professions are classed as key workers, or the exact definition of "vulnerable child". We expect to receive this at some point today. As soon as this information is available we will share it with you.

From Monday, 23 March 2020 we cannot have pupils in school because parents need to work, if they are not in classified key worker roles.

The Local Authority are wanting to ensure a community focussed response to school closures and it is up to schools in their geographical area to facilitate this. Therefore, this may result in some schools joining together to provide provision in just one school, although some familiar staff from each school will be present. Capacity has to be considered as school staff could become ill.

Schools are working closely with the Local Authority who are tasked with rolling out their Civil Contingency plan.

We know the challenge Coronavirus is having on all of our lives. We appreciate the stress this virus is causing and when we know more, we will tell you more. We will make plans with whatever guidance we are given.

Thank you in anticipation of your patience and understanding.

Yours sincerely

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