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Dear Parents/carers

Following on from my last update, I'm now writing to let you know that **we have now been instructed by the government to close the school to almost all children after this Friday until further notice**. The exception to this is that pupils whose parents are key workers and children who are classed as vulnerable will still be able to come to school, we are still awaiting a definitive list of key workers.

At the moment the government has stated that key workers are:

- NHS workers
- Police officers
- Delivery drivers

The government has stated that vulnerable children are:

- Children with EHCPs
- Children who have a social worker

As advised by the government, we will do all we can to offer provision for the children of key workers (e.g. NHS staff, police, others in frontline services) and children with certain needs (currently defined as those with an Education Health Care Plan and those with a social worker). **Of course, it may be that your children fall into these categories but you do not want or need to use school provision.** This will also be important to know because it would affect staffing required.

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. **Please contact the school office urgently if you consider yourself to be a 'key worker' to declare yourself.** We'll be in touch again as soon as we are sure who this does apply to. If you have not spoken to us face-to-face or on the telephone, please complete the slip at the end of this letter urgently.

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 posting it on our website and sending out a text message.

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. Class teachers are working hard to make sure that we can provide you with home learning for you to do with your child. We are setting up methods so that class teachers are able to

communicate easily with parents/pupils. We will also be making use of our school website and if relevant to you we will text you to make you aware of updates.

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.

What we won't be able to go ahead with

As detailed previously all school events are cancelled. **There will be no breakfast club, school trips, or after school clubs while the school is only open for key worker and vulnerable pupils.** There will also be **no statutory tests for any pupils**, this includes Year 6 SATs, Year 2 SATs, Year 1 phonics screening and the new Year 4 multiplications test.

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

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

As ever, our thoughts and prayers are with everyone affected by these unprecedented events in our school community and beyond. Stay safe! Stay Healthy! Stay united and strong – support one another!

Yours sincerely

Mrs G.Ryan
Headteacher

School Provision – Covid-19

Please only return this slip if you believe the school should provide care for your children.

I am a key worker (please tick)

Please state your occupation: _____

My child has a social worker or an EHCP (please tick)

Name(s) of child(ren) _____

Please tick if you would like the school to provide care for your child(ren).

If you are only intending to use the school provision on specific days please let us know which days your child is likely to be in school, this needs to be updated weekly:

Signature: _____

Date: _____