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Coronavirus (Covid-19) Urgent Update: Significant Partial School Closure

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you should be aware, we have been directed by central government to close the school due to the spread of Coronavirus from tomorrow afternoon.

We have however been asked to remain partially open for a very limited number of pupils. Please note that pupils who are eligible to come into the school building from Monday can only do so if they are fit and well enough.

Only pupils whose parents are 'key-workers', who have an EHCP plan or a named social worker helping them are eligible to come in. At this moment in time we understand 'key worker' to mean NHS staff, police and others in frontline services. However - **we are awaiting clarification on who exactly is eligible** but please remember that all those who can distance themselves socially should do so.

Significantly, we cannot accept pupils during this time who do not specifically 'qualify' as this is a mandatory nationwide closure of all schools to the 'vast majority of pupils'. During this period there will be no breakfast or after school clubs - school hours will be 8.45am to 3.15pm inclusive for eligible children in reception up to year six. Eligible nursery children will keep their current hours.

Even if you fall into one of these groups, can I reiterate the absolute importance of keeping your children at home if they are showing any symptoms of the COVID-19 virus, if they are in an 'at risk' group or if somebody in your household has any of the COVID-19 symptoms. There are very clear 'self-isolation' procedures in place that must be followed.

If you feel that you may fall into one of the above eligible groups (and it is absolutely safe for your child to attend) please notify the school office TODAY - this is so we can begin planning for the children's provision. Where possible please do this by email, providing your child's details (name and class) and your 'keyworker role'.



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At this moment in time, we are unsure when the school will reopen fully. This is a fast changing situation and we will be notified by central government as to when we can re-open properly.

During this period of closure it is absolutely vital that the health of the wider public within England is of paramount importance to us all. Therefore everybody needs to take the advice of Public Health England seriously and maintain very good hand hygiene at all times.

Whilst the children are not attending school their education must continue. Up-and-down the country hundreds of thousands of other school pupils will be continuing with their learning; they will be attending online lessons, completing revision books, studying literature and practising their mathematics - we have to make sure that our pupils do not fall behind so we must do likewise.

We know that we are in unprecedented times here but we must make sure that we work together, support one another, remain positive and continue the education of the young people who attend our school.

Finally, I must say that if you become concerned as to the welfare or safety of a child during this unprecedented period then you can either make a direct referral to children's services yourself (phone 0300 123 4043) phone the police (999) if you believe that a crime has been committed or email the school admin account for any lesser concern. School email accounts will be monitored throughout this period, records will be made, safeguarding work will be completed and actions taken if needed.

As always I thank you for your continued support and I can assure you that this decision, by central government, and enacted by ourselves has not been taken lightly.

If you have any questions please do ask.

Yours sincerely



Headteacher