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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the Government's announcement last night, please see below their decision:

'Schools, colleges and early year's settings will be closed to everyone except children of key workers and vulnerable children from Monday, as part of the country's ongoing response to coronavirus.

Examples of these workers include NHS staff, police and supermarket delivery drivers who need to be able to go to work. Vulnerable children include those who have a social worker and those with Education, Health and Care Plans.

A full list of key worker categories will be published by the Cabinet Office today.

Children who do not fall into these groups should remain at home with appropriate care.'

Whilst the government has not yet released the key worker information the indications are that this will be for:

- Frontline NHS staff
- Those working in schools
- Food Retailers
- Lorry drivers
- Some transport workers
- Children's social care
- Care staff

This list is not exhaustive but it should only be those parents (both) who have to be in work and have **no other** suitable carers for their children.

My aim as Head Teacher is to reduce the possibility of spreading the virus, whilst providing support to the families who need it. In order to assist me in planning ahead, please let your class teacher know if you need to send your child to school during the closure period. I anticipate that there will be a very small number of children in school. Teaching the National Curriculum will therefore be suspended and children will not be taught in year groups.

Our school will be operating a skeleton staff for the foreseeable future. Your child may not be cared for by their usual teacher.

The Government are currently developing a national approach to support children eligible for free school meals. We are awaiting further announcements as to how this will be done.

Please regularly check the Government and school website for the latest updates.

Thank you for your continued support during this time.

Mr Lord