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Dear Parents/Carers,

Coronavirus update - Key Worker Child Care during school closure from 23rd March 2020

Most of you will now know that yesterday, the Government has ordered schools in the UK to close on Friday afternoon until further notice.

I realise this is upsetting news for the entire school community and will leave many anxious, but as you know, everyone at school has been, and continues to, spend a great deal of time preparing for this eventuality.

During the social distancing enforcement due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the school has been advised by the government to try to offer a limited childcare service to the children of key workers and children with certain needs who are on our school roll.

This provision is dependent on being able to ensure the health and safety of the children in our care, and also the staff team who are volunteering to work.

It is important that you support the school by only using this service **if you have no other alternative** for your childcare provision. If only one adult in the family is a key worker, and there is an adult at home who can care for your child, we expect that you will make provision for your child to remain at home.

Please understand that we have a duty of care to ensure that the numbers in school are manageable.

The service we are planning to offer will run from 9.00am to 3.00pm each day and is provided in order to enable parents to work in essential services.

We are waiting for the government to publish more information on eligibility. In the meantime please let us know if you think your child may fall into this category by midnight tonight using the school admin email address above. **Please include the following information:**

- **Your child's name(s) and their class**
- **Each parent's job role (for a single parent family, obviously just that parent's role)**
- **Whether the job role is full time or part time (if part-time, what are the working days of the week)**

This is important information for us to start planning for the possible demand on the school to provide childcare from next week, in advance of clarity from the Government tomorrow.

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 using the school text service – please do not call the school.

This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience 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.

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

Grant Bright

Head teacher