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Dear parents

You will be aware that yesterday the Prime Minister and Education Secretary announced that schools will close indefinitely from Friday 20th March 2020 for **MOST** children. Schools are to remain open for vulnerable children and children whose parents are identified as 'key workers'.

The government will make an announcement later today to identify precisely which groups of workers this will be. However, we do know that the following groups have been identified:

- NHS workers
- Police
- School Staff
- Critical national infrastructure roles such as delivery drivers

While we wait to hear the exact identification of roles, we would like to take a proactive approach and begin to identify those pupils whose parents are classed as 'key workers' and are likely to need to continue attending school. If you believe you fall into one of these groups please telephone the school sickness line on 0191 643 2807, and leave a message with the details by Friday lunchtime, so that we can prepare for next week.

With regard to vulnerable children, we have a list of pupils who currently have an EHCP and are working with our vulnerable families and social workers to identify children who would need to continue accessing school. We expect these children to continue accessing school unless current government guidelines around health needs would prevent them from doing so.

With the deepest regret, only those children that fall into the categories identified by the government will be able to attend school. We ask for your understanding and consideration of this.

We are also working with the local authority to support children eligible for free school meals and we will inform you how this will be organised by the end of the week.

The current situation is understandably going to cause many anxieties for families, but we will continue to keep you updated with any new information as we receive it, in these incredibly difficult and uncertain times.

Thank you for your co-operation and patience.

Mrs Linda Taylor
Headteacher