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Dear parent / carer,

We wanted to write to you following the national update to COVID-19 regarding school closures as the Government has now provided advice regarding key workers.

The Government announced on Wednesday 18 March 2020 that after schools shut their gates on Friday afternoon (20 March 2020), they will remain closed for most pupils until further notice.

[This will be for all children except those of key workers and children who are most vulnerable. The Government announced that the scientific advice shows that these settings are safe for this small number of children to continue attending.](#)

[Critical workers include NHS staff, police, farmers and food retail workers, who need to be able to go out to work.](#)

[In order to continue to offer critical services as part of the country's ongoing response to the virus, children of workers who form a central part of effort - such as NHS workers, police and delivery drivers - will also continue to attend school, college or childcare provider.](#)

[A full list of critical workers and further information is available on the gov.uk website:](#)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers#critical-workers>

If you have any queries about this we would recommend you contact your employer who will be able to provide advice and guidance.

If you fall into the key workers category for a school place, please contact the school office by 11am today (20th March) to enable our school numbers to form part of the Local Authorities strategic planning.

Please be aware that we cannot reply to individual phone calls regarding this situation but be assured we will continue to follow the latest government advice and keep everyone updated via our school communications.

We will continue to provide regular updates regarding this situation and will update you when we have information about when school will reopen for all pupils.

We thank you for your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely

Anita Druce
School Business Manager