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Dear Parents/Carers

RE SCHOOL CLOSURES

Dear Parents,

Following the government announcement yesterday evening that all schools are to shut from Friday, I just wanted to update you with the information that we currently have.

Firstly, can I express that all of our thoughts are with our families, as we know that this announcement will bring much uncertainty and further concerns for you all. The staff are here to support in any way that we feasibly can.

It is becoming increasingly difficult to answer all emails personally so please bear with me and I will respond as soon as I can. In terms of the home learning packs, unless I have arranged something different with you, these will be available for all children in self-isolation to be collected from the office by **4.00pm** today. Every child who is still in school on Friday will be sent home with a pack tomorrow. We are continuing to work on our website where further resources will be available. Children will also have two reading books. As these are all of our school reading resources, please can I ask that these be returned to school when we reopen.

As you are aware, the government announced plans to keep schools open for the families of key workers and a small number of other children. We are awaiting clarification from the DfE as to what they are defining as a key worker. We are hoping that they will provide us with this information today so that we can apply this fairly and consistently and begin to make arrangements for these children. We are also finalising plans to make meals available to those who are entitled under the free school meals scheme. As soon as I have more information, I will contact you.

Currently no one knows how long these measures will be in place but we are very much hoping that the national picture improves and we will be open as usual as soon as possible. We will continue to reassure children about the situation to try to ease their concerns.

Once again, we cannot thank you enough for your support at this time. I will update you as soon as I can.

Yours sincerely

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