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Learning to love God, one another and ourselves

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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils

Following on from my last update, I'm now writing to let you know that **we have now been instructed to close the school to almost all children after this Friday until further notice.**

As advised by the government, we will do all we can to stay open for the children of key workers (e.g. NHS staff, police, others in frontline services) and children with certain needs.

We are waiting for the government to publish more information on what this means, but it would help us in the meantime if you could let us know if you think your child may fall into one of these categories. Please contact the school office as soon as possible giving your child's name and class and your occupation. We'll be in touch again as soon as we are sure who this does apply to.

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.

What we'll continue doing while your child is at home

Your child's learning is of course important to us, so we'll continue to help your child to learn.

All teachers will be sending home resource packs tomorrow with a covering letter explaining or detailing what has been set up for your child to learn whilst at home. This will include access to online learning and log in details. Teachers will be able to update online learning if school closures are extended.

If your child will not be at school tomorrow could you please arrange for someone else to collect the resource pack on your behalf. If you are unable to do this contact the school office.

If your child usually receives free school meals we will also be in touch with more information about how we will continue to provide this.

What we won't be able to go ahead with

All end of Key Stage Assessments and Tests

Phonic Screening Check

Multiplication Tables Check

We are not certain about the After School Care Club at this stage.

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

If you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher