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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to inform you that during tonight's National Briefing the Prime Minister declared that to help combat the spread of Corona Virus (COVID19) all schools will be closed for the vast majority of children from tomorrow.

He also explained that, as during the last national lockdown, schools would be open to provide and care for any children of identified key worker parents to enable these frontline workers to continue to serve in vital roles in the country at present. The government has also confirmed that if a child is identified as vulnerable they are eligible to attend school.

Please be aware that the government's key message is to remain at home. We ask if you are a key worker and someone else in your household is at home that they look after your child within the home. We also ask that your child only attends school on the days when you are working. In doing this, we hope that we will be able to safely maintain levels of staffing that will allow us to continue to open our doors during this challenging time and to reduce the risk of the spread of infection to our staff, children and families.

As you can imagine this announcement late this evening has left little time for us to arrange our group bubbles in school tomorrow. We are asking you to support us by only bringing your child to school tomorrow if you are key workers with no other child care provision within the home and are due to attend work tomorrow.

Attending school tomorrow will not guarantee your child a place from Wednesday onwards. If you require provision for your child from Wednesday and are employed in a key worker role, have a child with an EHCP or allocated social worker and wish your child to attend school during this school closure period please email the school office. Please use the following as the title to your email: Provision request for (and then your child's initials) also include contact details within the email. You will then be contacted by a member of school staff tomorrow to discuss this provision further.

Again we are urging parents who can safely look after their children within the home setting to do so to minimise social contact and help reduce the spread of the virus, in line with government directives.

As you will be aware from previous correspondence online learning will be provided for all children not attending school through our online platform 'Seesaw'. Full details of how to access this resource were sent out at the start of this academic year.

Thank you for your support in these difficult times. Further information will be sent out to you by email tomorrow with additional details and key information. If you need to contact school please use the school office email and we will be in touch. Please do not telephone unless urgent.

Take care and stay safe.

Mrs J Wass
Headteacher

