

19<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

I am sure you will all be aware that last night the Government announced that all schools would operate closure arrangements for most pupils from the end of the school day on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March. All of our schools have been preparing for such eventualities by preparing work and making arrangements for distribution.

Decision making, at all levels, during these difficult times has obviously been at pace and consequently, schools did not have advance notification of this intention. We are awaiting guidance from the Government around which workers would be eligible for children to attend and what the expectations and support available will be.

I would ask that parents do not telephone school at this point to seek clarification as schools do not yet have the answers and telephone lines are still busy with reported absences. Please be assured that we are working quickly this morning to put things in place and will communicate information via each school as soon as we are able to.

Many thanks in anticipation of your continued support.



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