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Dear Parents and Carers,

School Closure

As I am sure you are aware the government announced last night that all schools in England will be closing after school on **Friday 20th March**. This is the government's latest response to the COVID-19 virus. **School will be closed until further notice.**

However, the government also announced that schools could be open to certain key workers' children in an attempt to keep those individuals who are deemed 'key workers' at their job and not looking after their children.

School has responded to this notice all day and a number of families have informed school that they believe they may constitute 'key workers'.

Unfortunately, we are still waiting for the defined list from the government to identify who they actually mean when they say 'key workers'. When we receive that information, we will contact people to inform them that their child is able to come to school on Monday.

However, as we embark on this new direction, so the focus of our main aim changes. We move away from an educational setting to an assisted childcare setting. Due to us responding to our staffing levels, we will not be our usual learning environment, but an environment where we are looking after the children, ensuring their safety.

We have also contacted everyone who is eligible for a Free School Meal and plans are underway to enable a meal to be provided and collected from school, if it is required.

This is all the information we have at this time.

In these most uncertain times, it is imperative that we look after all of our community as well as loved ones. I would like to thank staff for their continued effort to make school as normal as possible over these last few weeks and for their work in trying to ensure work has been supplied in this time of absence. All Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 teachers will be contacting you via Class Dojo and Early Years via Tapestry at regular times throughout the enforced closure. The school admin email address can also be contacted if there is a problem with Class Dojo. The school office will be manned as much as possible and we will inform you once a plan has been devised.

Thank you for help, understanding and cooperation in what have been unprecedented times.

Take time to look after those around you.

Yours faithfully

A Waterfield (Headteacher)

