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Dear Parents,

This is not a letter I ever expected or wanted to write as a Head Teacher, but we are facing an unprecedented situation not only in schools, but also across our communities and our country.

Research currently suggests that children are less susceptible to severe symptoms of this Coronavirus, but the Government has now decided to close all schools from Friday in an attempt to slow down the spread of this contagious virus. I found out schools were closing at 5.30pm last night by watching TV as you did.

The education minister stated last night that schools remain safe for small numbers of children. In order to ensure that our country is still able to provide care, supplies and safety, the Government has asked that from Monday, schools offer a care facility for vulnerable children and families whose parents fall into the Government's definition of key workers. **WE DO NOT HAVE THIS LIST YET FROM THE GOVERNMENT SO CANNOT GIVE YOU ANY FURTHER INFORMATION.**

As announced yesterday school will close at 3pm on Friday. The staff have been preparing for this and the children brought home their packs of learning yesterday. Staff will be adding work onto SeeSaw daily and instructions how to access this were in the work packs. We are expecting all children to carry out their home learning during the period of school closures.

From Monday we will be operating for the limited number of children as stated above. School will be open from 8.40am – 3pm daily. We are not able to offer breakfast club or after school clubs.

The education of our children remains at the heart of what we are aiming to do as a school. The children who remain in school will be supported to work through their home learning packs and complete the daily tasks set by their class teacher.

Can I thank you all for your kind words and continued support throughout this whole process.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs J Woods

