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Dear Parents/Carers,

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

Following on from my last update, I am writing to let you know that from the end of the day tomorrow - Friday, 20th March, all schools in England will close until further notice. We appreciate that you will have many questions and whilst we currently do not have all of the answers, we will keep you as updated as soon as we receive new information and guidance.

As advised by the government, we will do all we can to ensure there is provision for vulnerable pupils, those pupils with Education, Health and Care Plans and the children of key workers. The definition of 'key workers' has not as yet been confirmed, but is likely to include, amongst others, healthcare workers, emergency service personnel and food distribution workers. As far as we are aware, in order to qualify for this provision both parents have to be key workers. Single parents who are key work workers should also qualify for the provision. We will be able to confirm this once we get more information. **Please could any parents who think that they may qualify for this provision and wish to take it up, let school know as soon as possible.**

All other children will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school from Monday onwards.

The Prime Minister has announced that the government will be supplying vouchers for children who currently receive free school meals, although full details have not yet been released.

For the next two weeks, we have made packs of activities for the children to complete whilst they are at home. We have added links on the class pages of the school website with ideas for activities. These packs will be sent home with the children at the end of school today. For those children who are currently not at school, the packs will be available to be collected from the office between 3.15pm and 5.00pm today and between 7.45am and 5.00pm on Friday. We do not expect the children to complete work over the Easter holidays. Following the Easter holidays we will review the situation and any further work will be sent out electronically via email, via Marvellous Me or via updates on the school class webpages. We will update you nearer the time should this be needed.

Thank you once again for your support in this unprecedented situation. I will write to you again as we receive further information and guidance.

Kind regards,

S. Whelerton

