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Dear parents,

I wrote to you yesterday to notify you that the government has instructed all schools to close as of Friday afternoon.

This will mean, for the vast majority of children, that they will need to remain at home from Monday onwards.

From Monday onwards we will only be open for:

- Children whose parents are key workers
- Children who have an EHCP
- Children who have been allocated a social worker

The school will be communicating with our families who have children with an EHCP or have been allocated a social worker to discuss arrangements for Monday.

To help our parents who are key workers, I would ask that they read and complete the short survey I have sent out that will allow us to assess our staffing arrangements so that we can put in place appropriate provision on Monday.

It is really important that all families adhere to the school closure and take the necessary steps to ensure that they stay safe. We will clarify with all families whose children we have agreed can attend school on Monday. Please be aware that any children whom we are not expecting to attend school on Monday will be sent home upon arrival.

We are working very hard to make sure that further home learning arrangements are in place for Monday. This will involve a daily email from your child's teachers with work for children to complete at home. Please make sure that the school has an up to date email address and that you know how to access ParentMail so that you can receive the work that teachers send.

I will update you all later with other arrangements that we will put in place to support families during the school closure period. This will include things like personalised check-ins with your teachers and any arrangements that are put in place for children in receipt of free school meals.

I can also confirm that, from Monday, all wrap-around care via Space Cadets will only be available for those children who are still attending school. This will also apply to our holiday club provision. We will contact those families who have already made bookings to arrange their cancellation.

Finally, I would also like to add that I do plan on communicating directly with the children before the end of the week. I appreciate that many children will not fully understand why they are not able to come to school on Monday and may be anxious or sad about not being in school or with their friends. I want to acknowledge this and let them know that we are all still thinking of them and are working hard to make sure we give them as positive a experience as possible through this time.

Thank you, as always, for your continued understanding and I will communicate with you later with further updates.

Yours sincerely,

Tim Browse