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Dear Parents/Carers

You will be aware from the government's announcement yesterday that schools will be required to close from the end of the day today. This will help stop the spread of the coronavirus. The government have decided that if children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading.

However, the government also indicated that provision needs to be planned for critical workers, vulnerable pupils (those with a social worker) and pupils with Education and Health Care Plans. The school will be closed for the of majority pupils until further notice.

The following key principles must be considered during this time:

- 1 If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.
- 2 If a child needs specialist support, is vulnerable or has a parent who is a critical worker, then educational provision will be available for them.
- 3 Parents should not rely for childcare upon those who are advised to be in the stringent social distancing category such as grandparents, friends, or family members with underlying conditions.
- 4 Parents should also do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way which can continue to spread the virus. They should observe the same social distancing principles as adults.
- 5 Residential special schools, boarding schools and special settings continue to care for children wherever possible.

Parents are asked to consider the list included below and if they think they fall within the critical categories named they should confirm with their employer that, based on their business continuity arrangements, their specific role is necessary for the continuation of this essential public service.

So that we can ensure provision is planned and managed effectively please could you complete the attached form and return it to the school office today by hand or email no later than at 12:00 pm at the latest.

Thank you in advance for your support during this unprecedented time.

Yours faithfully

Mr C van Straaten
Headteacher



If Yes,
please
indicate
your role
below

Do one or two parents/carers work in front line roles e.g.

- **Health and social care** (doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers other frontline health and social care staff including volunteers; support and specialist staff required to maintain the UK's health and social care sector; those working as part of the health and social care supply chain, including producers and distributors of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment)

- **Education and childcare** (This includes nursery, childcare, support and teaching staff and specialist education professionals)

- **Key public services** (justice system employees, religious staff, charities and workers delivering key frontline services, those responsible for management of the deceased, and journalists and broadcaster who provide public service broadcasting.

- **Local and National government** (those providing public services such as payments of benefits including government agencies and associated bodies)

- **Food and other necessary good** (those involved in food production, processing, distribution, sale and delivery as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (for example hygienic and veterinary medicines).

- **Public safety and national security** (police and support staff, Ministry of Defence civilians, contractor and armed forces personnel, fire and rescue service employees ; National Crime Agency staff, those maintaining border security, prison and probation staff and other national security roles, including those overseas.

- **Transport** (This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the COVID-19 response, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass.

- **Utilities, communication and financial services** (This includes staff needed for essential financial services provision (including but not limited to workers in banks, building societies and financial market infrastructure), the oil, gas, electricity and water sectors (including sewerage), information technology and data infrastructure sector and primary industry supplies to continue during the COVID-19 response, as well as key staff working in the civil nuclear, chemicals, telecommunications (including but not limited to network operations, field engineering, call centre staff, IT and data infrastructure, 999 and 111 critical services), postal services and delivery, payments providers and waste disposal sectors.



Parent Response Form

Your Name	
Child's name	
Age and class/year	
Your job title and exact hours and days worked	
Will your child be attending school next week because you are a key worker or they have an EHCP?	Yes/No
Will you want your child to have a meal whilst at school?	Yes/No
Do you require breakfast club and after school provision?	Yes/No
Do you require additional provision during the Easter holidays?	Yes/No