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Dear Parents/Carers

Students with Key Worker Parents

In line with the Government's announcement of 18th March 2020, we will be closing our gates to the majority of students on Friday 20th March 2020.

However, we will be open for the children of 'key workers' from Monday 23rd March 2020. A precise definition of 'key workers' is awaited, however, we expect this to include:

Teachers, teaching assistants supporting those with EHCPs, health workers, social care workers (both children's services and adult services), carers such as foster carers, blue light services and those who provide vital logistical supplies such as delivery drivers and utilities engineers.

Children may only attend school if each parent in the household is a 'key worker'.

Whilst we appreciate other working parents may have childcare difficulties during the school closure period, we must follow the Government's requirements for the health and safety of our staff, students and wider school community. This is about ensuring key workers may continue to work and help manage this unprecedented health crisis.

We understand some parents/carers may not need to send their child to school at this time, and appreciate our older students will be able to self-care.

To help us plan for the coming weeks, please complete the attached form and return it to school no later than 12 noon on Friday 20th March 2020. If you do not return the form we shall assume your child will not be attending school, and will make no arrangements for them.

For the health and safety of those in school we are working to a maximum group size of 15, and normal high standards of cleanliness will be maintained.

We will also be providing a school meals service to those children attending and free school meals will be available for those eligible. Alternatively, children may bring in a packed lunch.

We appreciate transport may be a challenge for some parents and we will do our best to support with this. Further information on school buses will be provided in due course.

We are sure you can appreciate this is a fast-moving situation and we are working incredibly hard to meet our responsibilities. We provisionally plan to run a normal school day. Students will have structured sessions, completing the work set for all students by our teaching staff. The day will also include social time and PE/extracurricular. Students do not need to wear uniform but please come suitably dressed for light exercise during the day.

On-line learning material is available for those children not coming in to school.

Yours faithfully

Scott Garrity
Headteacher

