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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils.

The government has instructed that ALL schools are to close after Friday 20th March, until further notice.

At present, we will be open on Monday for the children of key workers who have no alternative option in terms of childcare (e.g. NHS staff, Lancashire school staff, police and others in frontline services). If school staff absence is an issue, Lancashire Council have said that they will work with the school to facilitate opening. This enables children and families to attend a school that they are familiar with and where there are adults who know them.

We are waiting for the government to publish more information and guidance on what this means exactly and the criteria that will be applied in these cases. In the meantime, if you think that you fall into the 'keyworker' category and will need to use school for childcare, please could you inform school via email by 3pm today. In this email, it would be useful if you could:

1. Name your child/children and year group
2. State your role as 'keyworker'
3. If you are comfortable, explain why this service would be required. eg Single parent/NHS worker

When the criteria is issued and guidance received by the government, parents and careers will be notified and updated.

Vulnerable children can attend school on Monday onwards, as yet the definition of 'vulnerable' has not been released. We are believing that this will include children with EHCP, open CAF's and those with social care involvement. If your child falls into this category and you wish them to attend the school site, please inform school. Again I will update as soon as I can.

All other children will need to stay at home, do not send your child into school from Monday onwards. Please note that this is a national closure – it is a challenging situation but one that can be managed.

This is as much as school knows right now and I appreciate your continued patience as we deal with this ever-changing situation.

Kind regards

Mrs Michelle Warburton

