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Dear Parents / Carers

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As you will be aware, Coronavirus is a rapidly changing situation and we have been working with the Department for Education, Public Health England and Knowsley Council to plan for such a pandemic.

As per the Prime Minister's announcement yesterday we have been directed to close schools for most children. We are prepared and ready to respond to this challenge.

We are writing to inform you that school will close on Friday 20th March 2020 at 3.15 pm and remain closed until further notice. Parents should check the school website for updates which will be posted weekly.

Pupils will be provided with work packs and links to education resources will be on the website from Monday 23rd March.

As advised by the government, we will do all we can to stay open from Monday 23rd March for the children of key workers (e.g. NHS staff, police, others in frontline services) and children with an EHCP or a social worker - we will contact you separately.

Please contact school if you are a key worker and require this provision. School may ask you for further information about your role. School will also ask you for further detail about your requirements – eg. if you need the place all week for example.

However, we encourage you and your children to continue to follow Public Health England advice on keeping yourselves safe. Updated information can be found here :

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

Pupils who are eligible for free school meals will have their lunches provided for them. Further information about this will be communicated to these families in due course.

Energy difficulties - The Government has announced that energy suppliers won't shut people off and that families should contact their supplier in the first instance.

Yours faithfully

Miss J Hegarty
Headteacher

