

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2020

Dear Parents,

**RE: - School Closure for Some Pupils**

You may be aware that the Education Secretary and Prime Minister announced yesterday afternoon that schools in England will remain closed to the majority of pupils from the end of the school day on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March until further notice. This does not mean that schools are closing; it means we will remain open for certain groups of pupils.

In their announcements, the Education Secretary and Prime Minister both stated that schools will be required to stay open from Monday to certain groups of pupils. Examples of these workers include:

- \* NHS Staff
- \* Police
- \* Delivery drivers
- \* Vulnerable children
- \* Children with EHCPs (Educational, Health and Care Plans)

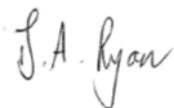
A full list of key worker categories will be published imminently today and we will let you know what other groups of workers are added to this list.

At this moment, I do not have any specific details about what constitutes 'key' workers or the arrangements that will be made for their children and those children who are considered to be vulnerable. We are expecting clear guidelines today and we will send another letter by the end of day, letting you know what is happening next.

The Education Secretary also made announcements about children who receive Free School Meals. Again, we are unclear of the finer details but will write to you as soon as possible to provide you with specific details and how we will be supporting and providing food for families.

These are very new times for all of us and we will be taking each day as it comes. We do not yet know what will happen after the Easter holidays but we can promise that we will continue to keep you updated at this challenging time for us all. Please keep checking your inboxes for updates

As always, thank you so, so much for your understanding and patience.



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