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Dear Parents

Following tonight's announcement by the Government regarding school closures, we write to you this evening to inform you that we will be reluctantly acting on the instruction to close our school on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March. This news was not well received by staff who had stayed in school to watch the announcement together. We are disappointed not to be able to continue with the measures that you have been so supportive of to date. Unfortunately, we have no choice.

At this time, it is NOT clear who the "key worker children" are, these children will be able to attend following closure. We have not received any guidance on this but will be in touch with all parents as soon as we have the information needed to fulfil this requirement.

We continue to work hard to keep open for these children and those with an Educational Health Care Plan for as long as possible, whilst keeping everyone in our community safe. We thank staff for their dedication and flexibility of cover during these testing times.

We apologise for the lack of clarity but this is a fast-moving update and we want to keep you informed at all times. We will write again to you tomorrow with further information about who will be able to attend school on Monday.

Once again, thank you for your support during this testing time, please be patient with us as we put these new plans in place. We are very saddened that our school community will be fractured in this way.

Please keep our School Community in your prayers.

God Bless

Carmela Puccio  
Headteacher

Sally Curtis  
Chair of Governors

