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Dear Parent/Carer,

You will be aware that the Prime Minister has announced that schools will be closed to the majority of students after tomorrow, Friday 20th March 2020.

In the letter I sent to you all yesterday, I provided you with information relating to my decision to partially close the school to Years 7, 8 and 9. A lot of the information in that letter is still relevant to this situation, following the government's decision to close schools to the majority of students.

From Monday, we will open, but working in a different way to normal. We will **only** be looking after the **children of key workers** (details regarding those deemed by the government to be key workers will be issued in an additional letter) and a small number of students with additional needs (this may include those supported by external agencies, such as social services, and those with EHCPs). We will be in contact with these students and their parents/carers tomorrow to ensure they know of the arrangements for their child.

Teachers will continue to work and support the students in their classes. They will either be working in school or at home, ensuring your child has the work they need to continue with their education. Details of 'Home Learning Protocols' to support your child's school work are attached to this letter.

I would like to extend my thanks for the support we have received from parents/carers and the local community so far, during this rapidly escalating situation. Many of you have taken time to thank our staff for their dedication to duty and I am grateful to all of you who have expressed your appreciation. I know I can count on your continued understanding and support as we all tackle this unprecedented situation.

Yours sincerely,

Mr P J Lowe-Werrell
Headteacher

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