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Dear Parents/Carers

COVID-19 Update - following the Prime Minister's announcement on 18 March 2020

You may have heard the Prime Minister's announcement that schools will close at the end of the day on Friday, except for those children whose parents are key workers or for vulnerable children. We as a federation heard this news at the same time as you did; we had no warning and we have not yet been given any further information about this.

We do not know which professions are classed as key workers or the exact definition of vulnerable children. This has not yet been shared with us. We know that everyone who works plays an important role in society, but the children who will continue to be allowed to attend school will be based on a given list. Children will not be allowed to attend school because parents need to work if they are not in classified key worker roles. Therefore, once the list has been shared with us, we will share it with you and how you can evidence this to continue to send your child to school. Please keep this in mind, as schools are closing due to a government directive and we must follow the guidance.

Please do not email us or ring us to ask questions about this – when we know, we will tell you more. We will look at the guidance when it arrives and make plans in line with the guidance we are given. Please await further information and keep in mind that the staff are only doing as directed. We know you may be anxious about your jobs and your finances, and we understand this, but schools are closing for a valid reason, decided upon by highly trained medical professionals and others who know far more than we do.

No matter what the guidance says, we will still only be able to have the identified children in school if it is safe to do so. If staff levels are unsafe due to staff self-isolating, we would have no choice but to close the school completely. If any children need specialist support we will not be able to have them in school, if we don't have enough staff or if we don't have staff trained in those specialisms.

Whatever decisions we have to make, please accept them as we will have no choice. Please keep an eye on your emails and on the website for further updates.

Please be assured that staff are doing all they can under stressful and difficult circumstances and we ask for your understanding and support during these uncertain times. Please be kind to each other.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. D. Best-White". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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