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Dear Parents/Carers

COVID-19 Update and Schools Closure

Further to Wednesday's guidance, I thought it would be useful to provide you with an update regarding how we are dealing with COVID-19 as a school community.

From Monday 23rd March, and in accordance with government advice, we are closing the school to the vast majority of our students in all year groups. Work is available on Show My Homework and the other usual online platforms. Please contact school should you need paper copies of work.

We will provide a base for students who fall into these categories:

- Those identified by the government as Key Workers (see list below)
- Students who have an EHCP
- Students considered most vulnerable (who will be contacted separately by staff)

The government has advised schools that schools who offer support at this time are providing a safe space for children rather than an educational setting, and those students on site will continue to access the resources on line that we have provided for all children. We will have much less staff on site, therefore this will be a form of support rather than a teaching base.

Even for key workers though, students should remain at home unless there is an absolute need. Also, if a student shows the symptoms of a new repeated dry cough or a high fever then they should not attend school.

Currently we have no further updates in relation to GCSE examinations. We continue to monitor advice from Ofqual and, of course, we will share updates with you when we are made aware of any changes.

As a school, we will continue to keep you updated in relation to our operation via text messages, the website and social media. The safety of pupils and staff is paramount to us and we will continue to follow advice. This means that there may be further changes to our operations at short notice. I would like to thank parents and carers for the support you have given us over in these challenging and unprecedented circumstances. I know that you will continue to show us the usual unwavering support through the coming weeks.

Please do not hesitate to contact school with any further queries.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Linda Emmett
Headteacher

List of Key Workers:

- Anyone who works in the health or social care sector (including paramedics, nurses, social workers, care workers, frontline health and care workers)
- Those who work in education or nurseries
- Key public services (those in the justice system, police, broadcasting, charities, religious staff)
- People who work in local and national government
- People who work for public safety and national security
- Those involved in food production, processing, distribution, sale and delivery as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (for example hygienic and veterinary medicines)
- Those who work in transport and who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating
- People who work in the utilities, communication and financial sectors (including staff needed for essential financial services provision). Those who work in the oil, gas, electricity and water sectors (including sewerage). Those who work in information technology and data infrastructure sector and primary industry supplies. Key staff working in the civil nuclear, chemicals, telecommunications (including but not limited to network operations, field engineering, call centre staff, IT and data infrastructure, 999 and 111 critical services), postal services and delivery, payments providers and waste disposal sectors.