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Dear Parents,  
**Coronavirus Update**

As you know, we shall be shutting our doors on Friday until further notice. We will be opening our doors to some children who meet the criteria set out by the Government. Understandably in the rush to put things in place, that guidance has at times been a little vague and certainly remains vague in terms of arrangements for Key Workers.

The reason schools have been shut is to protect us all. I cannot stress how important it is that **only** those parents who absolutely have to take up the offer of child care, do so. If any parent no matter their job or status is **not** a Key Worker they are expected to stay at home and allow the other parent to work in the National interest. **Failure to do so puts us all at risk!**

I know some of you have asked questions around pre-paid Breakfast and After School Club accounts. Clearly these will be refunded to you. I would ask you to bear with us as we work through things. Some of you have already self-isolated. Learning packs will be available for those people in the entrance lobby from Tuesday onwards.

I would like to thank you for the support and understanding you have given us over these difficult few days. I would also like to thank you for the messages of support you have sent. We appreciate it. I especially want to thank everyone connected with the school, the governors, the Church and the children but especially the fantastic staff who have continued to work and care for your children in these uncertain times. Everyone has been great.

I think this is where we start to realise that a school is more than a place of learning. Although schools are often valued and judged on the academic results they achieve, they are also a hub of the community, where friendships are forged and care for all is given. Was it only a couple of weeks ago we were celebrating World Book Day and reading to children sipping hot chocolate? Unbelievable!

I am sure you will realise the incredible wrench it is for me and my staff to say goodbye to so many of your children at this time. In the coming days I am sure that new and important ways of staying connected as a community will grow and flourish so that we can continue to share with you in the journey of all of the children.

Take care. I look forward to seeing you all again soon and in the meantime I will be in touch about the next elements of school work we shall be setting for the children.

Best wishes

A Ferguson  
Head Teacher

