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Good morning Parents/ Carers,

I am writing to give you further information about the closure of school. As you can imagine things are changing rapidly and we are finding out information from the government and the LA on a daily sometimes-hourly basis.

This is the last day of school and we will not open again until the government has said it is safe to do so.

Key workers

The government released information late last night about who key workers are. This information can be found here <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

The list does cover a wide range of professions. There are though some key principles the government has asked you to follow if you are a key worker which are below:

Taken from the government website

*Parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined below. **Many parents working in these sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home. And every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.***

Please, therefore, follow these key principles:

- 1. If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.*
- 2. If a child needs specialist support, is vulnerable or has a parent who is a critical worker, then educational provision will be available for them.*
- 3. Parents should not rely for childcare upon those who are advised to be in the stringent social distancing category such as grandparents, friends, or family members with underlying conditions.*
- 4. Parents should also do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way which can continue to spread the virus. They should observe the same social distancing principles as adults.*

Please also look at this link if you want further information.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

Thank you to those of you who have indicated that you are key workers to give us idea of numbers.... Can you now please provide proof that you are a key worker and the hours you work in the form of a letter on headed paper. Please email this to Mrs Holland before lunchtime today in order that we can make provision for next week. School will endeavour to stay open for the parents of key workers and vulnerable children but this will depend on staff availability with the restrictions implemented to prevent the spread of the disease.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding,
Mrs Harris