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Dear Parents

We are now working through the Government guidance regarding the **school closing** at 3.30pm today.

We will continue to provide **care for a limited number of children**. This has been set by the government as a maximum of 20% - around 80 of our children. It goes without saying that fewer children making the journey to school, and the fewer children in our setting, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in our community. This will require us to prioritise which pupils receive an offer, according to greatest need.

This is **not** about 'entitlement' it is about doing the right thing for the greater good of society; accommodating the greatest need and limiting social interaction and the spread of the virus - allowing our setting to stay open for those who need it the most.

This is a very different type of provision than our school usually provide; for these pupils, it will be about care, not education. This is about keeping children safe and allowing key workers to go to work and care for the sick, or to keep food supply chains moving.

I ask you now to please consider **all** alternative provision for your child so that we can minimize the spread of the virus. **Please keep your children at home if possible**. If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading.

It remains the case that if we do not have enough staff to care for pupils safely (even based on the new 'reduced provision' approach') then, subject to a risk assessment and consultation with the chair of governors, a full closure may be necessary. We will review the situation daily.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Mrs Sue Whitfield  
Head Teacher

