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19<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear parents/carers,

**Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils**

Following on from my last update, I am now writing to let you know that we have now been instructed to close the school after **Friday 20th March** until further notice.

As advised by the Government, we will do all we can to stay open for the children of key workers and children with additional needs. We are waiting for the government to publish more information on what this means, but it would help us in the meantime if you could let us know if you think your child may fall into one of these categories. We will be in contact soon with clarity around this.

All other children will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school from Monday onwards. **Please note that this is a national closure.** If your child usually receives free school meals we will also be in touch with more information about how we will continue to provide this, with support from a scheme that the government announced last night.

We will be updating the College website with all updates about how we will be supporting your child through this challenging time. This includes a specific update for those who are affected by the cancellations of this year's exams.

I understand that we all face significant health uncertainties at this time and I urge you all to take care of yourselves and your families by keeping up to date with all health advice being given out by the government, Health England and the NHS. I wish you all the best and look forward to the college reopening as soon as possible.

Thank you again for your continued support, and we will be in touch with more information when we can.

Yours sincerely



Sarah Jones  
Principal

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