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Dear Parents,

The Prime Minister announced yesterday evening that all schools will close tomorrow, Friday 20th March until further notice. I am therefore writing to advise you of the steps that we will be taking during the next few days. These are certainly unprecedented times, and as such, I am sure you will be aware of the additional pressures this puts on all members of our school community. We will close on Friday 20th at 3pm for all children in YR to Y2 and by 3.30 pm for all children in Kindergarten. We will remain open until 5.30pm for all those who are currently booked into Kids Club, but would appreciate it if parents could pick up their children at their earliest convenience from Kids Club in order to help our reduced staff team to prepare for ongoing support to the community.

During the briefing, the PM and Secretary for Education announced plans for schools to remain open for the children of frontline members of our community. The announcement also included vulnerable children defined as those with a social worker who is currently attached to them and those children with a current Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP).

Following my email yesterday, we have already begun to compile a list of parents who consider themselves front line workers. However, a full list of frontline worker categories is to be published by the Cabinet Office today. Please could I ask that you do not contact us with questions about the criteria prior to it being published, as we will be unable to answer your query. I will inform you of this list as soon as I have received it and I would ask you to send an email to the school office secretary@ckis.org.uk at this point if you have not already informed us / meet the criteria set.

The decision to close schools is a huge one and has been taken to keep people safe and help to control the spread of the virus. A coordinated approach is being planned within the school to ensure that our front line workers can continue to attend work in order to reduce the threat to life and meet the basic human needs for shelter, care and food for all within our community. As you will appreciate, in order to meet need, we are expecting that this would only include families where both parents are front line workers or the front line worker is a single parent. This will mean that most childcare needs will be met in the first instance by the family



themselves.

We have already begun to add resources to our home learning section of the website and will ensure that all resources for children to access during the following few weeks are available by the end of school tomorrow. Please can I ask that you ensure that you collect any medication that your child may have in school from the class teacher at the classroom door on Friday (unless your child/you are currently self-isolating).

I am sure that there will be some final words to share with you all tomorrow before we close, but in the meantime, thank you for your support, encouragement and kindness at this difficult time. Never before have so few been asked to do so much to help the many!!!

Sending you our love and best wishes.

Kind regards

Mrs James