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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have been instructed to close the school on Friday 20th March. The school will only be open to children with a named social worker, children with an EHC plan or children where BOTH parents are “key workers” as defined by the government. The list of occupations that qualify as key worker is below:

· **DfE List of Key Workers yet to be published**

School will only be open on Monday 23rd March for those children where **BOTH PARENTS are key workers and have no other childcare provision.** The provision on offer will be purely childcare and not educational. If your child has EHC plan but you’d prefer to care for them at home, please notify us as soon as possible. No breakfast or after school care will be provided; purely care from 9am to 3pm.

To enable us to plan staffing requirements to meet the needs of this group of children, please could you fill in the form attached if you feel you are entitled to a childcare place and return it by 9.30am on the 20th March 2020. We will then be in touch with you to confirm arrangements.

As I’m sure you will appreciate, we need to ensure that provision is targeted at those families who are at the forefront of essential services in these challenging times. We also need to safeguard the health and wellbeing of school staff wherever possible by limiting social contact as advised by the government and DFE.

If the Government makes the decision to go into a full lockdown situation the school will be closed to everyone for that period. This information will be cascaded via the school texting service, website and Twitter feed.

Mrs Addison

Headteacher