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Dear Parents and Carers,

School closure

At 5.15pm yesterday, the Secretary of State for Education gave a public statement that all state-funded schools in England would be closed from the end of the school day on Friday, until further notice.

He also indicated that all the GCSE, AS and A-level examinations due to take place this Summer, have been suspended; and that students would be credited for their learning in some other way. We also understand that this now includes no SATS for our current Year 6 or Year 2 children.

Having indicated that all schools would be *closed*, he then indicated that they would be expected to remain *open* for the children of key workers and for those in various vulnerable categories – providing a safe place and access to meals. **We are expecting a definition of 'key worker' and which children fit into the vulnerable category today from the Cabinet Office. It will take time to determine the nature of this provision.**

Although we have been anticipating such an announcement, and prepared for various scenarios, the limited details so far released raise considerably more questions than answers. You will all have your own legitimate concerns and queries.

The Secretary of State gave no undertaking that schools would be expected to sustain a pattern of normal learning during the closure; rather that any available staff would be expected to support other frontline efforts. Our school response is yet to be determined.

We will continue working today and tomorrow to clarify as best we can what this announcement means for the school, for our pupils and for you. I anticipate providing more details later today but already know that we will be sending home information about how to continue learning in the next two weeks including how we intend to keep in touch!

Thank you for your support and for your patience in the meantime.

Yours sincerely,

Mr P Thorne
Headteacher