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Dear Parents/Carers

You will have heard last night's announcement regarding school closures.

The government has said that all schools will close as of this Friday and will not open until further notice. Therefore, as of close of school on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March your child's school will be closed until further notice.

Schools remain open for a number of groups of children but neither your school nor LAAT have yet been given a definite list of who will be in these groups. As soon as we have this information we will get it to you.

Children on FSM will also be provided with access to a meal although, again, real details of how this will work have not been released.

Please be assured that we will do all that we can to make this as easy as possible.

Please continue to support and care for the staff at your child's school. They too have families that they are worried about. They are not sure yet what will be expected of them in the coming weeks, and they too care deeply about your children.

All staff are working extremely hard to make sure that everything is in place. That includes ensuring your child has work to take home or to access from home and making sure that there will be all the necessary staff in place to open for those pupils who the government lists within its groups.

We will continue to keep in touch with you through normal school communication routes.

Can I thank you for your continued support and assure you that you are all in our thoughts and prayers.

God Bless



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