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Dear Parents / Carers,

An update re our school's current information regarding COVID-19...

Given the challenge COVID-19 is presenting to us as a school, we have had no alternative but to exercise a partial school closure to Years 1 and 5. This is due to our significantly reduced staffing which means we are unable to ensure the safeguarding of children within these year groups for today and tomorrow, 19th & 20th March.

You will no doubt have seen the Government's announcement yesterday regarding the widespread closure of schools across the UK from the end of school tomorrow, Friday 20th March 2020. Within the broadcast, it appears that schools will be required to provide an education/child care facility for the children of identified vulnerable groups and for children of 'key workers' who are employed in health care, education and other strategic roles. We await clarification from the Government and Local Authority regarding identification of who is a 'key worker', and what the arrangements over the coming weeks will be for these workers' children.

We will notify you of these arrangements as soon as we are informed. Please be aware that our School Office and School does not have any additional information at this time.

Our school will remain open as normal until Friday 20th March and those pupils who are not self-isolating should attend school. **If your son or daughter or anyone in your household has any of the symptoms of COVID-19; a persistent cough and/or a high temperature, they should not be in school and should be isolated at home with the entire household for 14 days.**

In preparation for school closure, we have prepared online learning for your child/ren. These can be completed both independently, or with some adult assistance. There will be an acorn link on the school website's home page entitled, 'Work for all Children during School Closure.'

Finally, despite all the uncertainty and concern at this time, may I please thank you for your best wishes at this time, which have been overwhelming. Our wish in return is for you all to keep safe and well and I will send further information as soon as I am able to.

Best regards,
Mr S Arnold
Headteacher

From tiny acorns mighty oaks grow...

