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Dear Parents,

Re: COVID-19 (Coronavirus) update

Following on from my previous letter, I am now writing to let you know that **I have now been instructed to close the school to almost all children after this Friday until further notice.**

Therefore, **Five Ways School will be closed to all pupils from Monday 23rd March 2020 except for the children of 'key workers'** (e.g. NHS staff, delivery drivers, police), **and those who are in vulnerable groups** (e.g. EHCPs, has a social worker). A full list of 'key workers' will be published by the Cabinet Office today. Once I have this information, **I will send out an online form for families.** Those who come under this category should complete it so that I know your child will be attending school. Further information on this will be communicated following my meeting with my Senior Leadership Team today. If our staffing levels are too low, the Local Authority will work with the Department of Education to ensure an alternative option is available.

Pupils who do not come from 'key worker' families should remain at home.

Arrangements for pupils with **free school meals** will be made so that they can either collect a meal or voucher. More details of this to follow.

All statutory assessments in May and June have been cancelled. Once I have further information regarding an update on assessments, I will inform parents.

Absences

If your child is currently being self-isolated and we are aware, there is no need to phone every day that they are in isolation. **We will automatically code the registers for 14 days accordingly so that staff know.**

We are now receiving huge numbers of calls from families. **Please keep your messages concise by only saying your child's name, registration group, year group and reason for absence.**

If you are unable to get through by telephone to report an absence, you can also contact us via the following email:

attendance@fiveways.staffs.sch.uk



I received an overwhelming number of positive messages from parents yesterday. I would like to thank all families for your kindness and your understanding. We are all trying to do the best that we can in a new situation, and it is heart-warming to see our school community working together.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Rachel Mander
Headteacher

