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Dear Parents,

Re: COVID-19 (Coronavirus) update:

SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS on Friday 20th March 2020

We have taken the decision that Five Ways School will be closed to ALL children on Friday 20th March 2020. Unfortunately, we are now experiencing staff shortages due to self-isolation/underlying medical issues which means that we will not be able to open tomorrow on the grounds of Health and Safety reasons. I know that this will present with difficulties for many families and I apologise for this in advance. However, it has reached a stage where it is now unavoidable.

As you will be aware from the government's announcement yesterday, **Five Ways School will remain 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 an allocated social worker). We are still awaiting a full list of 'key workers' that will be published by the Cabinet Office later today. Please see the letter emailed at 11.30am today for further guidance. Alternatively, a copy of this letter is available on our school website in the 'Information for Parents' – 'Headteachers Letters' section.

As mentioned in previous letters:

- **all staff have ensured that KS1 and KS2 pupils' login details for Bug Club, MyMaths and Times Tables Rock Stars are up to date and that additional tasks / work has been allocated on the programs** so that pupils can access learning at home. These programs were available from yesterday and will be updated on a regular basis by staff.
- **now that school is closed for the vast majority of pupils work will be uploaded to the school website for pupils to access at home.** This work will be available to access from Monday 23rd March 2020. More information will follow on Monday, with further guidance and suggested tasks for home.



We are still in the process of making arrangements for pupils who are entitled to **free school meals**. More details of this to follow.

I continued to receive a huge number of positive messages this morning from parents. I would like to thank all families for your continued kindness and your understanding during these very difficult times. I will write to parents again with further updates as I receive them, and more information regarding home learning.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Rachel Mander
Headteacher

