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Dear Parent/Carer,

Following the Government announcement yesterday, that schools will be close tomorrow, Friday 20th March until further notice. We have been advised that schools need to identify quickly any parent or carer who is classed a 'Key Worker' and may need some childcare provision.

Please find attached a Key Worker information sheet. We would be grateful if you could complete and **return the following information by tomorrow**, if you feel that you fall into the key worker category. The Government is yet to update its definition of Key Workers, however, in essence these are people in health, social care, teachers, the emergency services and delivery drivers who have no alternative childcare arrangements. We will also be offering parents the opportunity to complete the attached questionnaire electronically and all parents (who are first contacts) will receive this link today via message.

Following the return of this information, we will contact you if you meet the above Key Worker criteria and will update you on childcare arrangements that will be in place for next week. Of course, children who have symptoms must continue not to enter school even if they are children of key workers as we must continue to follow Public Health England guidance.

We also be in contact with parents who fall into any other identified groups in line with Government guidance.

Currently we have no updates on Free School Meal provision, however I am hoping to be able to update you on this tomorrow.

Please note that for any children and families that do not fall into the Key Worker categories, St. Joseph's Primary School will close tomorrow at 3.15pm until further notice.

We appreciate that this is a very difficult time for everyone and I thank you very much for your support and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Ashton
Headteacher

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