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Dear Parent/Carer

On Friday evening Boris Johnson announced the immediate closure of pubs, bars, clubs, restaurants, gyms and for everyone to continue to stay indoors if at all possible.

Schools have been asked to continue to provide care for **a limited number of children** - children who are vulnerable and children whose **parents are critical** to the Covid-19 response and therefore cannot be safely cared for at home.

Parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response include those who work in health and social care. Many parents working in these sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home, and according to official guidance, every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.

On Friday we had a large number of families contact us requiring childcare. However school is aware that some parents are at home working, but are still requesting their child be cared for in school. In this circumstance, children need be cared for **at home** to limit the chance of the virus spreading.

Staffing levels are very limited due to many of my staff being self-isolated as a result of themselves, or co-habiting family members, being in the high risk category. It is my duty to ensure my staff are not put at any unnecessary risk and, therefore, school will be prioritising families where **both parents** are critical to the COVID-19 response, or in the case of a single parent family, where that parent is a key worker. If necessary, we will be asking for proof of this. Please refer to the flow chart below:

All children attending school are asked to arrive and leave through the main office please.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher



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