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Dear Parents/Carers,

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Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils

Following on from our last update, I'm now writing to let you know that **we have now been instructed to close the school to almost all children after this Friday until further notice.**

As advised by the government, **we will do all we can to stay open for the children of key workers (e.g. NHS staff, police, others in frontline services) and children with certain needs.**

Whilst we are waiting for the government to publish more information on what this means, it would help us in the meantime if you could let us know if you think your child may fall into one of these categories. To do this, plus also gain other key information at this time, we are asking that **all families complete the following online form (regardless of whether you fall into a key worker category or not):** <http://bit.ly/2xMyY9S>

A QR code (included at the bottom of this letter) is also available, should you wish to use it via a compatible smart phone.

We'll be in touch again as soon as we are sure who this does apply to and give further information as to arrangements.

All other children will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school from Monday onwards.

Please note that this is a national closure – as you may have heard in the news – so while it is a challenging situation, we are not alone. We will re-open fully as soon as we can and will let you know when this is by social media, text message, and letter.

What we'll continue doing while your child is at home

Your child's learning is of course important to us, so we'll continue to help your child to learn. The various measures we have already started to advise you of in recent days will continue and evolve and we'll keep you updated through our usual communication channels.

Free School Meals

If your child usually receives free school meals, we have asked for your responses in the form above so we can make effective arrangements on how we will continue to provide this, possibly with support from the national voucher scheme that the government has just announced.

This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience as we deal with this ever-changing situation. We understand that this latest news will have an impact on you and your family and it's far from ideal, but we'll continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

If you want to get in touch to share any concerns, please don't hesitate to do so via info@prescotschool.org.uk.

And remember: if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please use NHS 111 online.

Thank you again for your continued support, and we will be in touch with more information when we can.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs A L Kennedy
Head of School

