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Dear Parents/Carers,

Following the Prime Minister's announcement, we are trying hard to establish how our childcare provision will be able to remain open. With a very clear message that persons from other households must not mix, we will need to find a way to keep children at least 2 meters apart from each other/staff throughout the day, including at lunch time. We are highly likely to have to remove break time as it has previously operated, to maintain social distancing. Lunch time has reduced to 30 minutes and again, students must remain 2 meters apart.

In line with government directives to only go to work if it is essential, we only have 2 staff in school to supervise students on any day, who must supervise together (2 meters apart). This is the minimum to protect staff and the meet safety ratios at secondary school in this circumstance.

We are therefore highly likely to no longer be able to offer students the use of a computer as part of their childcare and absolutely no teaching can take place. If we receive too many students, they will be located for the day in a large enough space to be 2 meters apart and may wish to bring books to read/work to do from home. It is not possible to provide work to students given the re-purposed nature of the school. We may use the main hall with seats and desks 'exam style' 2 meters apart. We are absolutely at a bare minimum staffing, with now only one member of cleaning staff available from a team of 7, therefore we are struggling to maintain a fully cleaned school.

We are precariously close to not being able to continue, but we are trying. It is therefore absolutely imperative that all students comply with staff requests immediately as failure to do so compromises everyone's health and safety. Should students not comply, they must be collected from school. We understand that this may cause significant problems for families, particularly where a parent/carer is a key worker, however to continue offering childcare, then school staff who are also key workers, need to be able to trust and rely on compliance.

We are therefore pleading with you, if at all possible, keep your child/ten at home.

We will keep you informed about the situation regarding our childcare as soon as we are able to.

Stay safe

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