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Dear Parents and Carers

Following the government's announcement last night regarding the closure of schools, we would like to share with you the details around this. **Schools have been closed in order to minimise social contact and therefore slow down the spread of COVID-19. The vast majority of families will now be remaining within their homes and not undertaking non-essential travel, including coming to school.**

Within this framework, in order to support essential key workers and the most vulnerable pupils, the government is allowing restricted opening for children in these categories. As a school, we now need to gather information about which of our families include key workers. The definition of key worker has not yet been fully decided by the government.

The following questions will tell you whether you are entitled to request a place.

1. Are you in an occupation which is defined as a **key worker** (e.g. NHS staff, emergency services, essential transportation of goods, supermarket and pharmacy workers)? **If yes, go to question 2.** If no, your child will remain at home with you and additional work will be sent to you in due course.
2. Is there anyone else within your household who can care for your children during the closure (NB this does not include grandparents over the age of 70, or those with an underlying health condition)? **If no, please email the school by 2pm today to indicate that your child will need to attend during our restricted opening.** You will need to give details of your occupation and we will confirm your registration. If yes, your child will remain at home in the care of this adult and additional work will be sent.

If you are currently self-isolating, and will need your child to access our restricted opening, you will need to make contact with the school when your family's self-isolation is completed.

Normal school opening hours will apply, with The Club offering paid care before and after school.

All routines around hygiene and social distancing will continue for the small number of children who are in school for the foreseeable future.

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