Dear Parents and Carers,

As we expected, the situation regarding the coronavirus has now changed and the government is asking us to close to the majority of children from Friday at 3:30pm. **Schools are being instructed to open for particular groups of children which we will organise over the next two days when the full details are available.**

Many Heathfield families are already self-isolating or staying away as a precautionary measure. **If your child is not coming into school tomorrow or Friday, but you have not already told us, please contact the school office by email**. Many staff members are still in school so we will be open to receive any children who come in for the remainder of the week.

Please continue to follow the advice regarding social distancing if you bring your children into school and remain at a safe distance. Regarding your family's health, please take necessary precautions and do not send your child to school if any person in the household has a new, dry persistent cough or a temperature.

Activities have been sent home for the children to complete over the next 4 weeks. If you have not yet received your child's pack, please ask someone to collect it or contact the school office by email and we will attempt to get the work to you as soon as possible.

Within school, your child's health and wellbeing is crucial to us and we will continue to maintain strict hygiene practices in school, including social distancing and regular hand washing.

We will, of course, follow any updated advice from Public Health England and will keep you informed of any changes. This is clearly a very unsettling time for all families and we would like to send you our thoughts and warm wishes as we prepare for a very significant change in our routines. Plans are in place within school for staff to remain in touch with you, to plan for the children's learning both whilst school is closed and when we return.

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