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Dear parents/carers,

As a whole country we have been asked to socially distance and reduce **ANY** unnecessary contact with others. School closure is a vital part of this plan if we are to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus. You will be aware that the Government has released updated guidelines regarding provision for children of key workers during the Covid-19 crisis. Please note that the guidance states:

That parents keep their children at home, **wherever possible**, and has asked schools to remain partially open for those children that **absolutely need to attend...every child who can be cared for at home, should be, however difficult this is for parents.**

I would like to extend our huge thanks to our families who have supported school and worked hard to keep their children at home today. I recognise how difficult this has been for you. I would like to express my real appreciation for the herculean effort families have gone to, to ensure we only have a few children in school this morning.

For those who are out of the house, working hard to support the country in the effort to combat COVID-19, we keep you all in our thoughts and prayers and for those of you who have turned their lives upside down and are trying hard to work from home, whilst also looking after your children, we keep you in our prayers.

The Staff, Governors and I appreciate all of your continued support through what is a difficult and challenging time. We are keeping our whole community in our prayers and we hope that this enforced absence will be as short as possible, meanwhile may God Bless all of you and your families.

Yours sincerely,

A D Thorpe

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Headteacher

