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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils

I am writing to let you know that we have now been instructed by the government to close the school to almost all children after today until further notice.

St Mary's school will stay open for the children of key workers and children with certain needs to support national efforts in delaying the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19). School will contact these families directly.

Only families whose children have an offer of a place from school for childcare can attend. All other children will need to stay at home, in line with the government guidelines, with your arrangements for childcare. 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, you are not alone. We understand these are uncertain times for all with the coronavirus pandemic. School will continue to monitor guidance about when school can re-open fully and will let you know when this is through our [text2parents](#) messaging service.

On Wednesday, home learning packs were sent home for your child. The outline will provide guidance on learning activities. Please regularly check the school website for information of home learning.

If your child usually receives free school meals we will also be in touch about how the LA and school will provide this during the wider school closure.

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. School will continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops. The parent support email will be monitored, although with the wider school closure, this will be less regularly. We value your patience.

Please remember, if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, you can call NHS 111 or use the NHS online service.

I thank all of our school community, staff, children, parents, governors and school partners as we work together in these unprecedented circumstances. We hope and pray that soon, normality will resume, but for now, we are all working through these times to support and encourage one another during this national health crisis. Thank you again for your continued partnership and we look forward to returning to school.

With our thoughts and prayers,

Yours sincerely,

Genevieve Prayag

Headteacher