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Dear parents and carers

As you know, we have been considering our risk assessment about re-opening this week. As a result of considering the options available to us, we have decided to close the school this week, except for children of key workers or those deemed vulnerable.

We realise that this will be difficult for some families and also, as a school team, we are very aware of the need for our children to socialise beyond their households. We hope you understand that the decision has been taken reluctantly and after careful consideration of all factors affecting. Whilst we will review at the end of this week and will advise you on Friday whether next week will be similarly affected, please be aware that, as families, you do need to have plans in place.

Teachers will prepare and upload learning to Google Classroom every day and will be online to meet classes at specific times of the day to connect with children, to outline learning and to help correct any misunderstandings: these times will be advised by teachers on dojo. We will follow the timetable as closely as possible.

In school we will open all classes for the groups of children we expect to be in. We will be contacting our known key worker parents and parents of vulnerable children with further information, please only reply to this letter if your circumstances have changed at work and you have become a key worker since the summer. New parents will also be contacted as well as parents of children in receipt of free school meals will be contacted separately also.

All wrap around care unfortunately has been suspended at this time.

Finally, we want to reassure you that our goal is to welcome as many children back to school as soon as reasonably manageable.

With best wishes

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