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Dear Parents and Carers,

School arrangements for some pupils

You will have no doubt heard the announcement yesterday evening that schools will close on Friday at the end of the day for all pupils until further notice. However, there are some exceptions to this, for some of our pupils:

1. pupils where both parents are considered 'key workers'
2. vulnerable pupils

Pupils of key workers

As a Trust we now need to support our schools in ascertaining if any of our parent/carers are key workers, following the government's criteria e.g. emergency services or healthcare professionals. [We will be able to further confirm these criteria as soon as the government clarify this.]

If you fall into any of these categories, could you please email your child's school (using the school office email address) as a matter of urgency, with the subject title "KEY WORKER" stating your name, the definition of your job role and your child's name and class within the message.

Obviously, if you are a key worker but your child does not need to come to school during this period because you have been able to source childcare, either from a parent/carer who is not a key worker or from another family member, then please do not email the school, we only need to hear from those parents/carers who will require their child to attend school.

Vulnerable pupils

Vulnerable pupils include those who have a social worker and those with Education, Health and Care Plans [EHCP] – a legal document that describes a child's special educational needs and the support they require.

Please note, this does not apply to children who have an Individual Education Plan (IEP)

Pupils entitled to free school meals

Schools will continue to provide a midday meal for pupils who are eligible for free school meals. We will let you know as soon as possible the arrangements for this.

If your child is in one of these categories but has recently been off school because they are self-isolating, they will need to wait 14 days before they are allowed to return.

We thank you for your continued support during this challenging time.

Kind regards

Sharon Roberts
Interim CEO