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Dear parents/carers,

Re: Coronavirus update - school closure to most pupils

Following on from my letter yesterday, I'm now writing to let you know that **we have now been instructed to close the school to almost all children after this Friday 20th March until further notice.**

As advised by the government, we will do all we can to stay open for the children of 'key workers' (e.g. NHS staff, police, others in frontline services) and children with certain needs.

We are waiting for the government to publish more information on what this means, we have been informed that we should receive this today. As soon as we have the list of 'key workers' we will email this to you. Please help us by responding immediately to admin@hipsburn.northumberland.sch.uk if your profession is on the list. This will enable us to make plans for the number of children to expect from Monday.

All other children will need to stay at home, 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, we are not alone.

What we'll continue doing while your child is at home

Your child's learning is of course important to us, so we'll continue to help your child to learn. As stated in my letter yesterday, we are busy putting together systems to support this and will be in touch with more information very soon.

If your child usually receives **free school meals** we will also be in touch with more information about how we will continue to provide this.

What we won't be able to go ahead with

School trips

Breakfast or after-school clubs - **Allsorts**

This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience with as we deal with this ever-changing situation. We understand that this latest news will have an impact on you and your family and it's far from ideal, but we'll continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

Thank you again for your continued support, and we will be in touch with more information when we can.

Kind regards,

Mr. K. Moloney
Headteacher

