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Dear Parents and families,

Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils.

- **School Closure from the end of tomorrow, Friday.**

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

- **Key Workers and some other children**

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 today on what this means but it would help us in the meantime if you could let us know if you think your child may fall into one of these categories.

Please email stmonicas@st-monicas.co.uk or phone 01908 606966 as soon as possible today if you think you may be a key worker and you will want your child to attend school after tomorrow. Please have details of your employer, your job role (any partner's/husband's/wife's employer and job role) and details of your children's names and classes.

We will contact all parents again as soon as it is confirmed by the Government which groups of workers this applies to. This confirmation should be today.

We will also contact you if your child is in one of the other groups with needs mentioned by the government yesterday.

- **School Closure and details of re-opening**

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. We will re-open fully as soon as we

can and will let you know when this is by emailing you on the address we have for you and putting the information on our website at www.st-monicas.co.uk

If we do not have an email contact for your family, please contact the office **today** so we can keep in touch while the school is closed. Please let us know the email and your children's names and classes.

We have written to you already about how we will from next week email work home. It will be emailed to the primary email address contact.

- **Free School Meals**

If your child usually receives free school meals we may also be in touch with more information about how we will continue to provide this, with support from a scheme that the government has just announced. We have no details of this yet, including whether it will actually take place.

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 is far from ideal but we will continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

If you need to contact the school for any reason during closure, please use the email address stmonicas@st-monicas.co.uk

And remember: if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please use [NHS 111 online](#).

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

Yours sincerely,

Robert O'Malley

Headteacher