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Dear Parents,

As of 6pm tonight, our school as we currently know it will, close to all children. Our roles as educators will change to ones of childcare in order to provide a service for those of you who are our 'Critical Workers'. Only those children of a critical worker should now come to school and only if our service is needed. The government advice states: **'every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.'** This is to try and minimise contact with other people and therefore with potential carriers of the virus. At this time, we do anticipate being open and offering this service for as long as we can. The DFE guidance issued this morning advises parents to contact your Local Authority if your child's school is shut and your children would be eligible to attend (ie vulnerable children and keyworkers).

We have sent out a separate letter to those people whose children we anticipate accommodating in school from next week. These are parents who have identified themselves as a key worker **whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response.**

We do not know when we will be opening our gates again properly. We hope that is will be sooner rather than later. It is possible that this closure could be until September. If this is the case, we are keen for our current Year 6s to still come together and get the send-off from our school that they deserve.

We will still be here for you in the weeks and maybe months to come. Please feel free to phone, or email us if you need any information or support in any way moving forwards. Our staff will keep in touch with you via Seesaw and our website.

You can find updates and detailed guidance on the DfE website:
https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers#critical-workers

I cannot stress strongly enough that **if it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.** Please do what you can to keep yourselves, your family and your children safe and well.

With kindest regards and hopes to see you all again soon,

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