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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Coronavirus update – School closure to most pupils

Following on from my update yesterday I'm now writing to let you know that, after the Prime Minister and Secretary of State's announcement, we have now been instructed to close the school to almost all children at the end of Friday 20.03.20 until further notice.

As advised by the government, we will do all possible to stay open for the children of key workers (NHS employees, Emergency services employees, Prison Officers, Social workers, Care Home workers, Delivery drivers and Police) and children with certain needs.

We are waiting for the government to publish more information 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 office@aylesfordschool.org.uk with your child's name and form and your occupation in relation to those listed above and we'll be in touch again as soon as we are sure who this does apply to.

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, so while it is a challenging situation, we are not alone. We'll re-open fully as soon as we can and will let you know when this is by announcing it on the school website.

As I said yesterday we will try to continue remote learning through Showmyhomework'.

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, with support from a scheme that the government has just announced.

We won't be able to go ahead with

- › School trips
- › Breakfast or after-school clubs
- › Events and any pre-planned extra-curricular activity
- › Internal exams or tests

This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience 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 with any updates as the situation develops.

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

Yours sincerely,

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