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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am aware that following the announcement last night, many of you will have questions about what the next few weeks will look like, but at this present moment in time, ***we have no additional information other than that shared on the news.***

Today, we are awaiting a list from the Government which should set out exactly who are classed as key workers and therefore which children should be attending school after this Friday. We will be in contact with all parents to ascertain whether or not your child should still be attending and what type of evidence we will need to support this.

We should also have greater clarification as to how we are expected to staff the school during this time, especially with many of our staff having young children or living with those who fall within the government 'vulnerable group' criteria and of course we will share this with you too once we are clear how this will look.

Today and tomorrow staff will be ensuring that children understand how they can access learning at home and there will be daily tasks for children to complete from Monday of next week. This does rely on the use of the internet, but as a school of over 400 children it would not be possible to have everything sent home as hard copies. If this causes you particular problems, please contact the class teacher to discuss this with them.

I know this is a hugely stressful time for our families and the local community, and rest assured we want to do the absolute best for our children here, but we do have to adhere to guidance set out by the Academy Trust so please keep that in mind when communicating with our staff.

I hope to be in contact with you all later today to share further information about this next phase of this process.

Many thanks for your continued support at this time.

Best wishes

Mrs K Scott
Headteacher