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Dear Parent / Carers

I hope you are all well?

I can only apologise for the mixed, confusing and contradictory information that was going around yesterday! I had a directive yesterday at 2.30 to close school today but with no detail, and then after the address to the House of Commons and the PM's briefing I became just as confused as everyone else in the Country.

I have spoken with County today who are happy that we remain open. As I have said, this has been my aim. I want to continue to provide care for the children who are well, for the usual hours of the school day. There will be a difference in staffing and there won't be timetabled sessions but there will be structure to the day.

We haven't yet been given a list of 'key workers', but I am more than happy to have school open to our children providing we have safe staffing levels. When we start to become unsafe with staffing levels, I will prioritise the children of key workers as per directives.

Please can I remind you at this point of the 14-day isolation period needing to be adhered to and also that if your child displays ANY symptoms associated with the coronavirus, you will be called to collect them. I hope that you understand our need to protect our children at all costs as so many of them have underlying medical conditions.

It is completely up to you as parents if you wish to send your children into school, but I wanted to make contact to reiterate that we will do our utmost to ensure we stay open for as long as is safely possible.

I will update again tomorrow with plans ahead of next week.

Thank you so much to all of you for your support and kind words over this really difficult and stressful time. I appreciate that we are all in this together and so I am very grateful to you all. Please keep us up to date with any information you feel we need via the phase email addresses on yesterday's letter or via my work mobile. We are here to support you all in anyway throughout this whole situation.

Yours sincerely

Tracey

Headteacher



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