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Proposed arrangements for pupils and parents following the Government announcement to close schools at the end of the school day on Friday 20th March

Dear Parents/Carers

Firstly, may I start with thanking you all for your understanding during this difficult and stressful time.

You will no doubt have seen that yesterday the Government announced the widespread closure of schools across the UK from the end of school on Friday 20th March. It appears that schools will be required to provide education / childcare (i.e. before and after school clubs) for those children identified as vulnerable and the children of 'key workers' who are employed in health care, education and other strategic roles. We await clarification from the Government regarding those who are identified as a 'key worker', and what the arrangements over the coming weeks will be.

We will notify you all on what these arrangements may look like as soon as we know. Please be aware that our front offices and schools do not have any additional information at this time. Our intention is to open all schools across the Trust to cater for groups identified by Government, from Monday 23rd March and evaluate this on a daily basis.

Our school will remain open as normal until Friday 20th March and those pupils who are not 'self-isolating' should attend school. **If your son or daughter or anyone in your household has any of the symptoms of Covid-19; a persistent cough and/or a high temperature they should not be in school and should be isolated at home with the entire household being isolated for 14 days.**

In preparation for school closure we have prepared online home learning packs for your child. These can be completed either independently or with some adult assistance. There will be a designated page on our school website from tomorrow where you can access additional materials:

<https://www.birdsbush.staffs.sch.uk/resources-for-school-closure/>

In addition to this information / learning packs will be sent home with your child.

Thank you all again for your support and we will continue to communicate via our texting service and websites regarding any updates we have on this evolving situation.

Yours sincerely,

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Chief Executive Officer