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Dear Parents/ Carers,

School will be closed to all children from today until further notice unless your child falls into one of the key worker or vulnerable categories that the government released late last night. If your child is applicable for school provision from Monday, you will have received a phone call from school today to inform you about this, and a further letter explaining the details. We cannot take other children who do not fall in to these categories, we are extremely sorry. We need to try to work together to reduce the spread of COVID-19. If children can stay at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading. The number of staff on site will also be reduced as we need to limit the risk to them and their families also.

**Irrespective of whether family members fall under the defined category of a key worker the government are asking parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and have asked schools to remain open for only those children who absolutely need to attend.**

We have already sent homework packs home with children this week (check book bags) and three reading books. We have sent more homework home today also. If you or your family are self isolating, you can send one person to the school office to collect this and more work has been put outside the office today along with some workbooks and text books. We will aim to add more work each Monday to be collected as needed. Please only take your child's year group so that there is enough for all children.

We know that food is a concern for many of you, with many supermarkets selling out of items. Leeds City Council will be providing a grab-bag at lunch (sandwich, fruit, cake etc) each day the school is open for children who are eligible for FREE SCHOOL MEALS. You will receive a text notification about this if your child is eligible. You will need to send one person to collect this between 12 and 1pm each day.

If you need to contact school, you can reply to the text messages that we send and someone will aim to get back in touch on the same day.

On Monday, we aim to have an emailing service available also so that school can respond with lengthier letters than the usual text service to keep you updated should school reopen.

We hope that you and your family stay safe through this period of uncertainty. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Yours faithfully

Mrs N Wood, Headteacher

