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Dear Parents / Carers,

I trust that this email finds you and your families fit and well.

I am writing to update you regarding the current position at Walford School which for this week (Monday, 30th March 2020 – Friday, 3rd April) is CLOSED .

The staff team are extremely grateful for your continued support and the way in which everyone is respecting the COVID-19 Public Health England guidance, following the stark message delivered by our Prime Minister, outlining the importance of:

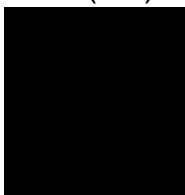
- **ONLY** travelling to and from **ESSENTIAL work**
- **ONLY** going out for essential food shopping or the collection of medicines
- Taking **ONE** daily exercise, adhering to social distancing measures
- Understanding that the gathering of two or more people in public is prohibited, unless members of the same household.

In order to safeguard us all, there has been much discussion between schools, the local authority and the Department for Education regarding the need for key workers to consider carefully whether they need to use the Critical Worker Childcare Offer provided by schools. Each and everyone of us is expected to fully engage with these VITAL social distancing measures and every family must endeavour to reorganise their working arrangements in order to keep children safe at home, if at all possible. We are most grateful for the flexible working hours now provided by all employers that is enabling you to reorganise your family needs, including front line workers which is impressive.

As of Friday, 27th March, the school has been open for the Key Workers of just two families. These families have made alternative arrangements for the week ahead and therefore, **WALFORD NURSERY & PRIMARY SCHOOL IS CLOSED THIS WEEK (30/03/20 – 03/04/20).**

Please be aware that we are just a phone call or email away so do not hesitate to make contact with us should there be a need.

Anyone who requires Critical Childcare must complete the attached Key Worker Application Form, explaining fully why your child(ren) cannot be kept in the safety of their own home if only



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one parent is a key worker. This is to protect every child who should be at home in order to slow the spread of Coronavirus and protect our already over-stretched NHS.

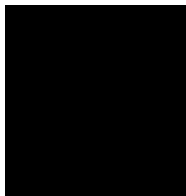
May I take this opportunity to thank you all for doing everything in your power to ensure that both children and adults are kept safe and protected every day.

Keep safe and keep smiling!

Kind regards



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