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Dear Parents / Carers

Coronavirus Update – School Closure

You may already be aware, the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State for Education have instructed that **we close the school at 3.05pm on Friday 20th March 2020, until further notice.**

We will, of course, do all we can to support families, and are currently awaiting more clarification from the government. In the meantime, we would be most grateful if you would let us know if you think your child(ren) may fall into one of the key worker categories (e.g., health workers, social workers, delivery drivers).

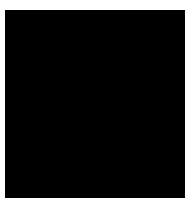
All other children will need to stay home so we ask, therefore, that you do not send your child into school from Monday, 23rd March 2020 onwards.

As you may have heard this evening, this is a national closure. Whilst this is a challenging situation for us all, we are not alone. Please be assured, we will re-open fully as soon as we can.

Whilst your child(ren) are at home, we will:

- provide work packs for home learning;
- provide daily updates and activities on newly created 'Home-Learning Class Pages' on the school website;
- provide a variety of online learning platforms for your children;
- suggest quality FREE online website / app resources and suggested live lessons;
- provide daily dialogue between teacher / children via emails and Showbie (Monday-Friday: 10am - 11am and 2pm - 3pm);
- provide additional projects, as and when appropriate.

If your child usually receives free school meals, we will also be in touch with more information about how we will continue to provide this, with support from a scheme that the government has announced this evening.



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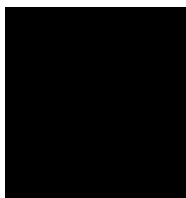
This is as much as we know right now about this rapidly changing situation. We understand that this latest news will have a significant impact upon you and your family and, whilst it's far from ideal, we will continue to keep you up-to-date as the situation develops.

Throughout the week, your positive feedback has been appreciated greatly. On behalf of the Walford team, I would like to thank you for your continued patience and support.

Yours sincerely



Ms L. George
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