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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Coronavirus update –School closure to most pupils

Following on from my last update, I'm now writing to let you know that **we have now been instructed to close the school to almost all children after this Friday until further notice.**

As advised by the government, we will do all we can to stay open for the children of key workers (e.g. NHS staff, police, others in frontline services) and children with certain needs.

We are waiting for the government to publish more information on what this means, but it would help us in the meantime if you could let us know if you think your child may fall into one of these categories to allow us to work out if we can provide provision. To be able to do this and plan what might be required in terms of staffing can I please ask that by the end of today (Thursday 19th March) parents email Office@coates.cambs.sch.uk with the following details:

- Proof of profession
- Details of shifts over the next two weeks and longer if possible

Our aim is that we will be ready to receive these pupils on Monday but we need time to work out our school plan. I do not know yet if we will be able to provide lunch so further details will follow.

We will be in touch again as soon as we are sure who this does apply to.

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

Please note that this is a national closure – as you may have heard in the news – so while it is a challenging situation, we are not alone. We will re-open fully as soon as we can and will let you know when this is by parentmail.

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 just announced.

This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience as we deal with this ever-changing situation. We understand that this latest news will have an impact on you and your family and it is far from ideal, but we will continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

If you want to get in touch to share any concerns, please don't hesitate to do so via email in the first instance and please only phone the office for emergencies only as you will appreciate this is a very busy time.

And remember: if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please use [NHS 111 online](https://111.nhs.uk).

Thank you again for your continued support, and we will be in touch with more information when we can.

Yours sincerely,

Lindsey Boucher
Headteacher