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Date: 19th March 2020

Dear Parents,

Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils

Following the latest government guidance, 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 and children with EHCPs.

Thank you for your patience in waiting for the government to publish the list that clarifies what a key worker is. We still do not have the official list. Neither have we received confirmation as to whether both parents in the house need to be key workers where there are two adults. We also have not been told if we need to request proof of employment. However, we are being fed through a **possible** list of key worker roles which reads as follows:

- Clinical staff employed by the NHS
- Teachers, including further education teachers and Early Years / nursery teachers
- Police officers and community support officers in specified forces
- Frontline police staff (civilians) may also be eligible in some areas
- Prison officers and some Prison Service staff in prisons in specified areas
- Probation officers
- Local authority (LA) or NHS social workers
- Uniformed staff, in fire and rescue services
- Armed forces personnel
- Highway Agency traffic officer staff
- LA environmental health officers / practitioners
- Care workers
- Food / supermarket delivery drivers and other workers

We have attached a form that you can complete if you fall into one of these categories to let us know if you are planning to send your child to school during the period of national closure. Paper copies were also sent home today for those children who were in school today.

Can you please fill in the form if you think that you are a key worker as the list stands, whilst being aware that this list might change and that the criteria of all adults in the household being a key worker might be applied. If you can do this, by the end of the day Friday 20th March, that would help us with planning.

We'll be in touch again as soon as we are sure who this does apply to, with the operating times and arrangements.



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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 respect the reasons behind this decision which is to keep as many people safe as possible.

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'll re-open fully as soon as we can and will let you know when this is, via our communication channels, including an update on our website (use the link at the top of the home page)

What we'll continue doing while your child is at home:

Education Support

Your child's learning is of course important to us, so we'll continue to help your child to learn. Mr West will be sending out a communication regarding the different ways that this will be put in place.

Student Welfare

During the closure you can still contact our staff. Please use admin@mpsplymouth.net and also a new email address which is headshipteam@mpsplymouth.net.

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.

We will have a variety of social 'get togethers' via means such as Facebook so we can stay connected. These will evolve over time.

What we won't be able to do:

Go ahead with any trips, after school clubs, events or internal exams or tests.

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's far from ideal, but we'll continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

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

Yours faithfully,

Sam Hunter
Headteacher

Key Worker Information Form

Parent Name:

Child/dren details:

Child Name	Class

I am the main carer: Yes/No

My role is: Full Time/Part Time/Shift Work

My Role

Please select the following option that is most likely to apply, self-isolation allowing.	Tick
My child will not be attending school at all during the national school closures.	
My role is full time and I anticipate my child will be attending school daily.	
I work part time/shifts or I have access to some child care so I anticipate my child will be in school on a differing pattern each week.	