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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Closure of Educational Settings

As a country, we are facing an unprecedented crisis. We all need to do what we can to reduce the spread of the deadly COVID-19 virus. That is why the Government has given clear guidance on self-isolation, household isolation and social distancing. The most recent scientific advice on how to further limit the spread of COVID-19 is clear. If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading.

The Government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked schools to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend. The expectation of the Government is that the overwhelming majority of the children should be at home – more than 90%. The fewer children making the journey to school, and the fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in wider society. We all need to do what we can!

We are, therefore, being asked to continue to provide care for a limited number of children - children who are vulnerable and children whose parents are critical to the Covid-19 response and cannot be safely cared for at home.

I need to inform you, that the Government has told us that schools must operate with a different purpose. In these emergency times, we are not operating as an educational establishment. We will be providing emergency childcare only. There will be no teaching, only supervision. The children will complete the work set for them on Google Classroom/Tapestry. The school kitchen will be closed and all in attendance will need to bring their own food. We will be running a skeletal staff and practising social distancing – as advised by the Government. We will keep your children safe; they will be working alone and will not be playing with others. The school will operate from 8.45am – 3.10pm. I must warn you that in the case of increased staff illness the local authority will direct you to another school or setting.

If you are a key worker, KMS welcomes the opportunity to support you as you help the country during these turbulent and troubling times. However, the Government demands that we keep the number of children in our school to a minimum. If you are bringing your child to school on Monday, you will need to provide evidence that you are a key worker. If workers think they fall within the critical categories, you should confirm with your employer that based on their business continuity arrangements, your specific role is necessary for the continuation of this essential public service. Gavin Williamson, the Secretary of State for Education, has said that key workers need to be able to prove why the other parent cannot provide childcare at home. Therefore, if you do not meet these criteria, your child will not be permitted access to the school. School must be treated as a last resort. These requests may seem harsh, but they are completely necessary in the nation's bid to reduce the spread of this killer virus.



Hopefully, if we all work together and follow the government guidelines, the impact of this virus will be greatly reduced. Please notify the school IMMEDIATELY if, having read this message you still require your child to come to school.

Yours sincerely

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