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Dear Parent and Carers

As you will be aware, UK schools will close for most children from the end of today, **Friday 20th March 2020 until further notice**. I realise that the closure of schools is distressing news for the entire school community and will leave many anxious. The government has asked parents/carers to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and has asked schools to remain open only for those children **who absolutely need to attend** in order to reduce the risk of spreading the infection and to adopt social distancing. I feel confident that we have everything in place to continue to support you and your children in the coming weeks and months.

Parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined in the link below. Many parents working in these sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home and every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

The school will remain open for your son should you absolutely need our support, and providing that there are sufficient staff to look after him safely.

We will not be able to facilitate the usual timetable of lessons but we will provide some activities throughout each day. The school will be open from 8.30am – 2.50pm.

Your son will need to:

- Wear full school uniform
- Sign in on arrival
 - o Years 7 and 8 report to the Manor House Reception
 - o Years 9, 10 and 11 report to the Innes Reception
 - o Years 12 and 13 report to RR6 Reception
- Bring basic school equipment including a water bottle
- Bring PE kit and a reading book

The canteen will be open at break time and lunch time.

At this moment, we are unable to confirm whether we will be able to provide 'childcare' during the Easter holidays.

Please complete the following short survey ASAP in order to confirm attendance: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/MLYSGJ5>

Regards
Ms Howarth
Headteacher

