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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Further to my recent letter, I would like to reiterate the statement which was made by the Secretary of State for Education:

As of Friday afternoon (20th) onwards, schools in England are to close for certain groups of children, as a further measure to prevent the spread of COVID-19. No date has been set for when schools will re-open for all students.

From Monday, the school will continue to be open for the following groups of students:

- Children whose parents are key workers (please see details on my previous letter dated 20.03.20 for Tier lists)
- Those classed as what the Secretary of State described as "vulnerable children". These could be those who have a social worker and those with EHCPs.

For students in the key worker group, we have also been asked to remain open through the Easter holidays and we will do our best to achieve this, if needed. From Monday 23rd March and through this period, our school will provide care for these children.

Children who do not fall into these groups, should remain at home with appropriate care.

The guidance is very clear from the Government that children who fall into one of the above categories should only come into school as a last resort if no other childcare is available.

If your child/ren are at school from Monday 23rd March, please note that the school will not be operating as normal. We will not have a full staff team in place and children will be cared for together with a significantly reduced workforce. The National Curriculum will not be taught.

The school will be open from 8.45am until 3.30pm. It is your responsibility to make arrangements to get your child to and from school. If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, they will receive a packed lunch from school. If your child is in Year 3,4,5 or 6 they will need to bring a packed lunch from home. Free School Meals children will receive a packed lunch from school.

If your child is not attending school from Monday and they receive Free School Meals, they will still be provided with a packed lunch which will be available for collection from 12.00pm each day. These parents have been contacted directly.

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Children are not required to wear school uniform. Can we ask that your child brings a washed PE kit from home.

I would also like to set out that if your child is attending school from Monday the current Public Health England guidance remains in place. Therefore, if your child or anyone in your household develops a new, continuous cough and/or has a high temperature you should all self-isolate for 14 days and contact the school to let us know your child will not be attending.

The Secretary of State for Education also announced that the 2019/20 national curriculum assessments will not take place due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

This means the following assessments planned between April and July 2020 are cancelled:

- end of key stage 1 and key stage 2 assessments SATs (including tests and teacher assessment);
- phonics screening check;
- multiplication tables check;
- science sampling tests;
- all statutory trialling.

Our children have been working hard to prepare for these tests, therefore, it may be upsetting for them, but I would like to reassure them, that we are immensely proud of their efforts and achievements.

I would like to reassure you, that during closure, we will provide home learning via the school website and learning packs and ask that you support your child to continue learning at home. Class pages have been populated with useful downloads and recommended websites and codes and/ or logins have been issued to enable your child/ children to access a range of websites which will support learning.

I would like to thank you all for your understanding and support as we work to manage this unprecedented situation and on behalf of all the staff at St. Cedd's, we extend our well wishes to you and your families and hope you are able to stay safe and healthy through this challenging time.

Yours sincerely,

Lyndsey Wood
Acting Headteacher