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Dear Parents and Carers,

At 5.15pm yesterday, the Secretary of State for Education gave a public statement that all state-funded schools in England would be closed from the end of the school day on Friday.

He also indicated that all examinations due to take place this summer have been suspended and that students would be credited for their learning in some other way. This includes the SATS tests that Y6 are due to take in May.

Having indicated that all schools would be *closed*, he then indicated that they would be expected to remain *open* for the children of key workers and for those in various vulnerable categories – providing a safe place and access to meal. School will be open for the children of key workers from Monday – unless of course there are more changes before then. At the moment the information we have about is key workers is that they consist of: Health care workers, police, those who deliver food to stores, store operators and store staff. Vulnerable children are those that have a social worker and those on EHCP plans. We are still awaiting confirmation of the exact list.

Although we have been anticipating such an announcement, and prepared for various scenarios, the limited details so far released raise considerably more questions than answers. You will all have your own legitimate concerns and queries.

The Secretary of State gave no undertaking that schools would be expected to sustain a pattern of normal learning during the closure; rather that any available staff would be expected to support other frontline efforts.

I will be working today and tomorrow with all staff, to clarify as best we can what this announcement means for the school, for our pupils and for you. I anticipate providing more details later tomorrow.

Thank you for your support and for your patience in the meantime.

Kind regards