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Dear Parents and Carers

Mr Chris Huscroft
Chief Executive Officer

STATEMENT RE LATEST GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Firstly may I say how sorry I am that we find ourselves once again facing a lockdown – I know this will have a huge impact on families and I want to reassure you that we will be here for you throughout this period.

As trust leaders we have all just met to discuss the announcement made by Boris Johnson and the implications for us in our schools. To say the message came late in the day is an understatement; it now leaves us with less than 12 hours to prepare for a new way of working for at least the next 6 weeks. All schools are ready for online learning – your head teacher will further communicate to you, how this will take place in your child's school.

Our schools will be closed from tomorrow for **MOST** children. If you are a key worker (proof of this status will be requested if not previously supplied) we request that you **only** use your school, for tomorrow, as a **very last resort**, allowing school leaders time to plan for ensuring your children and those who have moved to online learning can be appropriately supported by the staff – there will be a lot of planning taking place over the next 12 hours to ensure this happens.

In order for us to gauge how many children we will be supporting from the key worker group in schools tomorrow, please complete the [online form](#) no later than 11pm tonight, thank you.

We will contact you again tomorrow, requesting more details that will allow us to plan for the weeks ahead.

Those children who are classed as vulnerable will also be able to attend school, from Wednesday if you are able to keep your child at home tomorrow. We do understand for some families, this may cause concern – parental choice is paramount and you should make a decision based on your own specific needs and circumstances, the schools will support whatever that decision may be.

More so, now than ever, thank you for your continuing support, now and in the future.

Yours sincerely

Chris Huscroft

CEO