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Dear Parents/Carers,

COVID-19 School Closures

Following the government announcement yesterday, I can confirm that sadly our schools will shut from tomorrow until further notice.

The government has, however, asked schools to facilitate on-going provision for children who are vulnerable or whose parents are key workers.

It is likely that this provision will potentially be achieved by schools 'clustering' in a locality, but at this moment we have received no further guidance about the operational logistics of this e.g. staffing arrangements, transport implications, school meals and establishing proper safeguarding procedures.

We will be working very closely with the emergency planning team at North Yorkshire County Council over the coming days to coordinate our response and will let families know as soon as possible when we have reached a solution.

We will do our very best to get something up and running as soon as possible, but please bear with us, there is a lot to do and the announcement last night was as much a surprise to us as it was to you!

I am also conscious of the huge uncertainty and anxiety created by the cancellation of public examinations this year. When we know more about the implications of this decision we will let you know.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's school if there is anything further you would like to discuss

Yours faithfully

Mr M Sibley
Chief Education Officer