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Dear Parents/Carers

Last night the Government stated its intention to close schools to all except those whose parents are Key Workers and vulnerable children. Key workers have been defined as follows :-

- NHS Staff
- Police & Emergency Service workers
- Delivery drivers who need to deliver food and supplies such as petrol.
- Teachers, teaching assistants and childcare workers
- Public sector workers.
- If you consider yourself to be a "key worker" please let us know!

Vulnerable Children have been defined as follows :-

- Any child with a social worker
- Any child with an EHCP – this is every child at Elms School.

Please note the following:

1. We will not be teaching the usual curriculum next week but will be offering a less formal curriculum, in line with government and KCC guidance: ***We are clear that the service being provided by schools will not be school based education, it will be care to support the national effort of containing this virus and reducing fatalities.***
2. Your child may not be taught by their usual teacher/TAs as we have a depleted staff team next week due to many staff being advised to self-isolate with their own families.
3. Due to some of our staff having to self-isolate, we may not be able to open to all pupils all the time.
4. If you are isolating your child and family this week, we would expect you to do the same next week.

If you are a Key Worker and will need your child to attend school next week, please call the office by midday Friday 20th March.

If you are not a key worker but would nevertheless like your child to attend school next week, please call the office by midday Friday 20th March. Please note that we will do our best to offer your child a place next week but we will have to make a decision based on staff availability. We will let you know as soon as we can whether we are able to offer a place.

It would be helpful for us to know if you definitely do not want a place for your child at school next week. We will review the situation regularly and we will do our best to offer a place for your child if you require it.

Thank you again for your patience and understanding at this unprecedented and difficult time.

Yours sincerely

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