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Dear parents and carers

Yesterday evening the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State for Education announced that as of this Friday, 20th March, all schools in England would close until further notice.

I'm sure most people will have many questions and whilst we do not have all of the answers at the moment, we will keep you as updated as soon as we receive fresh information and guidance. In line with the announcement we will close Kepier at the end of the day on Friday for the vast majority of the children and young people in our care.

Schools have been advised to remain **closed to all learners apart from vulnerable learners and the children of key workers**. We have been planning for this eventuality and have worked hard at creating a Learner webpage that contains links to each subject area. Within this area, subject leaders have set work to complete at home. **Please continue to follow Government advice regarding self isolation if any member of your family shows symptoms of the Coronavirus.**

The definition of 'key workers' has not as yet been confirmed, but is likely to include, amongst others, healthcare workers, emergency service personnel and food distribution workers. **Please complete** the Key Worker Information Form if you wish your child to attend School on Monday **by 2.50pm tomorrow**. This will support us in organising staffing, catering and cleaning.

Understandably Year11 learners are upset as Thursday will be their last day after five years at Kepier. We still plan to celebrate their achievements and will be holding the Prom and other possible celebration events in the future. Examinations in all schools have also been cancelled. We understand the disappointment this will have caused students as they looked forward to reaping the benefit of their hard work. The government has assured us that learners will receive their grades and will not be disadvantaged in any way as they move on

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to the next phases of their education and lives. As soon as we understand how this will take place, we will let you know.

If you are eligible for 'Free School Meals', we will contact you within the next few days, with details of our strategy to ensure your child receives their entitlement.

If your child has an **allocated Social Worker or an EHCP, they should attend School** as normal on Monday. If your child is absent from School, you must follow the usual absence procedure.

Thank you once again for your support in this unprecedented situation. I will write to you again as we receive further information and guidance.

Yours sincerely

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