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School Closure

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may be aware, the Government announced yesterday that all UK schools will close by the end of Friday 20th March 2020.

We plan to remain open until tomorrow although we are aware that pupil numbers are reducing daily, as are the available staff.

As per recent communications we have and will continue to upload some activities for children, onto the class pages of our website. The children still in school will be given a paper copy of activities to cover the next two weeks and a work book and pencil. We appreciate that some pupils may not have access to the internet at home but would hope that pupils and parents that do would be able to share what is expected by phone.

The announcement by the government yesterday has caused much confusion due to the lack of details provided. In particular, the statement that the school will be required to remain “open” after Friday for the children of “key workers” and for children in vulnerable groups. The Government promised further information about what this means and who is included in the next few days, as of yet we have received no updates. In order for us to plan for this requirement effectively we have texted parents to identify themselves to school if they believe that they fall into these two groups.

We have been told that if only one parent in a household is a “key worker” they will not be covered, unless they are the sole carer/single parent.

We are extremely grateful to those of you who have had to respond quickly to collect children who showed symptoms of the virus and appreciate the difficulties that this would have caused, but thank you for helping to keep others safe. Our school is lucky to be in a caring and supportive community and we know that you will all do your best to support each other in this unprecedented and rather surreal situation. Please know that we will continue to work hard to support your children through this difficult time. Our website will keep you up to date with government requirements.

I must thank staff at Crowmoor for all their efforts over the last few weeks on behalf of the pupils and I know that they will continue with their efforts in the future.

Please look after yourselves, your families and your neighbours. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all and we look forward to seeing *all* of you back on the playground on the first morning when we are allowed to re-open.

Kindest regards,

Alan Parkhurst – Headteacher.





