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Dear Parents/Carers,

First of all, we can only apologise for the lateness of this information. However, we are sure that you can appreciate that we have only been told of the government's intention to close all schools in England in the last hour – having prepared today to welcome all pupils back to school tomorrow morning.

Both Forefield Infants and Forefield Juniors will be closed tomorrow, following the latest government guidelines in response to the pandemic.

We will remain open for the children of critical workers and those pupils who are vulnerable. However, we would ask that if you can stay at home, please do so, in order for us to establish precise numbers of pupils in need of a place.

The full list is published on www.gov.uk and includes: 'Parents whose work is critical to the coronavirus (COVID-19) and EU transition response, including:

Health and Social Care, Education and Childcare, Key Public Services, Local and National Government, Food and Other Necessary Goods, Public Safety and National Security, Transport and Border, Utilities, Communication and Financial Services.'

This extensive list may well include the majority of families. Whilst we already hold a great deal of information, from earlier in the year, individual circumstances may well have changed and some families will decide to follow the advice to 'stay at home.'

Tomorrow, we will need to evaluate our provision based on the number of families requiring a place in school. It is important, in battling this virus, that we reduce the number of children/adults on site in order to lower transmission rates. The national priority is to support the NHS.

Therefore, we will only be able to finalise numbers in the next couple of days and we would welcome your support and your patience as, once again, we put measures in place to keep everyone safe.

None of this is easy, but we hope to work closely with our entire school community to provide either face-to-face or online learning for every pupil. Younger, Infant pupils may require work packs to support their learning. It will take time to prepare these resources.

Thank you for your continued support,

P A Swift
Headteacher

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