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Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

Firstly, thank you again for the amazing support and patience you have shown this week as we waited for guidance about school closures, key workers and the cancellation of various school activities. In the midst of all of our preparations for home learning and drawing up of rotas to enable us to stay partially open there has been little time to prepare for the emotional impact of closing our school gates to the majority of pupils and their families.

What perhaps makes it hardest of all is that, at a time when what we most naturally desire is to offer a hug to our colleagues and pupils, we must instead keep our distance and send everyone off in their own directions with not even a handshake.

However, when this is over, we will come back together again just as strong a community as before, if not stronger. When and how – we're not sure, but in the meantime please take care of one another!

Practicalities: The government have now published the list of key workers, which extends beyond the NHS and emergency services. The list can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

The main message is still to minimise the number of children accessing school each day – with the aim of providing support to 10% of our community. The government has asked that if children can stay at home safely then they should do so. Schools have been asked to remain open from Monday, 23rd March **for those children who absolutely need to attend.**

The fewer children making the journey to school, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in our wider society. Many parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response may be able to keep their child at home and **every child who can be safely cared for at home should be. However, as a school we recognise that the job of providing support for key workers is a hugely valuable task and one we are uniquely placed to do and PROUD to action.**

Attached to this letter is a form for some of you to complete and return to us on Monday. From the conversations we have had we are anticipating around seventy children in school next week. In trying to plan ahead we would appreciate an indication of the days/hours you may need our support. Some 'key workers' have already asked if they can send children in for part of the week and the answer is yes.

On Monday morning, children should enter the building from the playground through the same entrance (by the Dance Studio where Y3 normally enter). They should be ready to return their form. Whilst the canteen at the Infants will remain open, children wishing to have a packed lunch should continue to do so and they should be wearing their school uniform.

Learning will continue, but we will endeavour to increase the amount of physical exercise and access to outside spaces. School will close at 3:30pm and children should be collected as normal.

We are aiming to be flexible, but as we have seen in the last few days, the national response may well change/develop.



Registration form for pupils accessing FJS during school closure

Name of Pupil:	
Please circle the category that best indicates your key worker role:	Please provide further details of employment: Company name Address Line Manager Telephone/email
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 Utilities, communication and financial services	
Please indicate the days/hours you need access to school:	Week 1 M T W Th F Week 2 M T W Th F
Please indicate if your child will need a school dinner or packed lunch	School Meal Packed Lunch
Please indicate if you will need to access school during the Easter holidays	Yes No
Any other relevant information:	
Name and Signature	