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Dear Parents and Carers,

Key Workers During School Closures

Further to the letter sent out this morning by the Headteacher of your school, I am now in a position to confirm that our teams of staff are ready to make provision to ensure key workers can attend work as normal. Therefore, we need to know whether your work might be defined within this category and if so, whether you will need your child to continue attending school.

Should your child attend school during this closure, s/he will be supervised to undertake the work that their peers will be completing at home. I would want you to be aware that they are unlikely to have access to specialist teachers, however, they will be in a safe and appropriately staffed environment. Depending on the responses we receive, we may ask your child to be cared for at another of the Trust's school sites, however, this will be arranged with your full involvement.

We are still waiting for Government guidelines regarding who the key workers are, however, if you work in a job that might be classed as a key worker, please complete the attached form which can be accessed <u>here</u>. This needs to be completed and submitted as soon as possible, but by midday on Friday 20th March 2020 at the latest. If you are unable to access the form, please contact your school office with details of your childcare needs.

We will also be contacting parents/carers of students with EHCP's and other needs, such as those who are looked after or are supported by a social worker to discuss support during this closure.

This is a challenging time for everyone in our communities and we know that our children and young people will be incredibly anxious. We shall do everything we can to support them and you over the coming months until we are able to return to regular education. Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

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