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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thursday 19th March 2020

Re: Coronavirus update – School Closure to Most Pupils

Following last night's announcements by the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State for Education I am writing to let you know that we have now been instructed to close the school to almost all children after this Friday until further notice. However, as advised by the Government, we will aim to stay open for the children of key workers (e.g. NHS staff, police, social workers, welfare and education staff, delivery drivers, others in frontline services etc.) and children with certain needs until Friday 3rd April (8.40 - 3.05). We are waiting for the government to publish more information on what this means, but it would help us in the meantime if you could let us know if you think your child may fall into one of these categories and you would likely send them into school.

All other children will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school from Monday onwards. Your child's learning is of course important to us, so we'll continue to help your child to learn. We have made available on our School Website the school's curriculum strategy detailing how your child can access learning materials from home.

What we won't be able to go ahead with is:

- School trips
- Events
- Examinations

Please note that this is a national closure, as you will have heard in the news, so whilst it is a challenging situation, we are not alone. We will re-open fully as soon as we can and will let you know when this is by text and on the school's website.

This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience as we deal with this ever-changing situation. We understand that this latest news will have an impact on you and your family and it's far from ideal, but we'll continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

I would like to finish by assuring parents that my team and I will do ALL we can to help our community, by enabling parents to work, and providing an education for our pupils in a safe environment. All that we ask of our parents is that the small minority of 'keyboard warriors', who are seizing the opportunity of the current national pandemic to criticize and spread rumours on the internet, to stop and reflect on the negative impact of your actions on staff morale and the Greensted Community. We all only want the very best for Greensted's pupils and community. Thank you.

Kindest regards,

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Mr Hampshire
Headteacher