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Dear Parents and Carers,

Coronavirus Update – School Closure to Most Pupils

As you may already be aware, schools have now been instructed by the government to close to almost all children after this Friday 20th March until further notice.

As advised by the government, we will do all we can to stay open for the children of key workers (e.g. NHS staff, police, others in frontline services) and children who are currently in receipt of free school meals or who have an Education, Health and Care Plan. These are the only children the school will be open for under the current guidelines.

We will be sending out a ParentMail survey to ascertain which parents fall into the category of a key worker. Also on the survey, there will be an option for you (if your child meets any of the above criteria) to let us know if you will be sending your child to school. We need this information to ensure we have adequate staff supervision at all times and are able to provide a school lunch and request that you respond to it as soon as possible please.

From Monday 23rd March all other children will need to stay at home, please do not send your child into school. This is a national closure – as you may have heard in the news – so while 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 via ParentMail and the school website.

Children who cannot attend school

A letter will be sent out tomorrow from the teachers of Herons, Martins and Peacocks, detailing work that your child can do at home for next week. The children in Wrens will be given a learning pack with a range of activities for them to complete at home. As a school, we will plan and prepare work for next term that will be sent out to you after the Easter break. More information on this will follow.

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.

If you want to get in touch to share any concerns, please don't hesitate to do so via email to

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the school office either on office@chilham.kent.sch.uk or via the contact us link on the school website.

And remember: if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please use [NHS 111 online](#).

Thank you again for your continued support, and we will be in touch with more information when we can.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Delia Cooper', with a stylized, cursive script.

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