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Thursday 19th March

**Confirmation of school closure letter**

Dear parents/carers,

You will be aware that the Prime Minister and Education Secretary announced yesterday that tomorrow will be the last full ‘normal’ day of school. Schools will close indefinitely from Friday 20th March 2020 for **MOST** children. Schools are to remain open for children whose parents are identified as ‘key workers’. The government will make an announcement later today to identify precisely which groups of workers this will be. However, we do know that the following groups have been identified:

* NHS workers
* Police
* Teachers
* Critical national infrastructure roles such as delivery drivers

While we wait to hear the exact identification of roles, we would like to take a proactive approach and begin to identify those pupils whose parents are classed as ‘key workers’ and are likely to need to continue attending school. If you believe you fall into one of these groups please contact the school office (0191 6432026 or office@langleyfirst.org.uk) by 10:00am on Friday, stating;

Child’s name and class

Parent name / profession

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Whilst we do not know what our offer next week will look like, this information from parents will enable us to start to plan ahead and have an idea of staffing requirements etc.

The government has also requested provision to be made for those with EHCP’s. To ensure we are able to have appropriate staff on site, please inform us if your child has an EHCP and **you are intending** for them to access school.

With the deepest regret, only those children that fall into the categories identified by the government will be able to attend school. We ask for your understanding and consideration of this.

We will continue to update parents via email/text/twitter and will ensure our website remains a helpful tool to support online learning. Our office email will remain active for any queries.

We are working with the local authority to support children eligible for free school meals, and we will inform you how this will be organised by Friday.

We await further government guidance on the proposal to suspend public examinations for this academic year.

This is understandably going to cause many anxieties for families, and we hope that we will be able to continue to support you wherever possible. We will continue to keep you informed with any new information as we receive it, in what are incredibly difficult and uncertain times.

Thank you for your support,

Mr. T Jones

Headteacher