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Coronavirus Update – 19.3.2020

Dear Parents/Carers

You will all know by now the extremely sad news that from this Friday schools will be closing for the foreseeable future.

From Monday, staff are prepared and planned for remote learning with your children. Home learning packs have been sent home or are ready to be collected to supplement this learning. Teachers and TAs will be available to support this learning through Class Dojo.

In line with government expectations, we will be offering supervision and child care in school for some key workers' children. At present we are still awaiting the government decision on this list and will update you as soon as we know. In order to support us in preparing for Monday, we need to have confirmation of numbers for this by 10am Friday 20th (tomorrow morning).

If both parents at home are key workers, or, if they are within a single parent family and their sole parent/carer is a key worker from the government key worker list and want to take up the child care offer to cover the shifts you work during the school week, please could you privately message me on Dojo with the details of this and the days/hours you would need your child supervised for next week.

Children will be supervised in school by available staff between 8.45 and 3.15. We are unsure yet about what we can offer in the Easter holiday but will confirm this asap.

Example list of Key Workers (which will be confirmed asap)

Delivery drivers - e.g. Supermarkets, Pharmacies, Fuel company drivers.

Police

Fire service

Nurses

Doctors

Paramedics

Carers e.g. old peoples home, hospices etc

Social workers

Teachers or other school workers

If your child falls into the Vulnerable group - eg has an EHCP or has a named social worker - please also let me know if you will want your child to be looked after next week.

Children who are currently eligible for free school meals will be provided with separate information about the support we are offering during term time for the duration of the closure.

We regret we are unable to offer this to Universal Free School Meals (infant children) and will also be unable to offer lunches at school to key workers' children using the child care facility.

Any child who is well and not attending school as a key workers' child will be expected to attempt to complete daily the work provided by their teacher.

I hope you understand that this is a challenging time and we will do our best to support all our families through this.

May I also remind you to support the delay of the spread of the virus, the Department for Health and Social Care has asked anyone who shows certain symptoms to stay at home, along with the whole family for 14 days, regardless of whether they have travelled to affected areas. This means people should stay at home and avoid all but essential contact with others for 14 days from the point of displaying mild symptoms, to slow the spread of infection. The symptoms are:

- A high temperature (37.8 degrees and above)
- A new, continuous cough.

The closing of schools is to enable a policy of social distancing to be put in place. This means families must not go out and spend time with others unless absolutely necessary. This is to slow down the spread of the virus and protect vulnerable members of the community.

Our main form of communication with you will be through our school Class Dojo system and our school text system. This is why it is crucial to ensure your contact details are up-to-date and you have signed up to Class Dojo for each of your children's classes.

Should you need to contact me during any school closure period, please may I ask you to direct message via Dojo or via the school e-mail stcatherines@andaras.org and the school secretary will forward it to me. Please let me know if you or your child/children fall ill with Coronavirus. Teachers and support staff will be available during school hours to support with learning queries. For all other queries, and during the Easter break, please address any concerns to me via the school email or Dojo.

Although I know we will all do our best with regards to pupils' learning, I urge you strongly to put yourselves and your families first and take good care of yourselves.

Kind Regards
Louise Hussey
Executive Headteacher