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Dear parents/carers

School closure update

Many thanks for your patience, understanding and support with the rapidly changing situation in schools. I know leaders and staff across all our schools have really appreciated the positive messages over the last 48 hours.

We are now in a position to update you on the plans for our schools for the half term ahead and I know individual Headteachers have been communicated with families throughout the day. Supporting pupils and families throughout this difficult period and ensuring that we provide the best possible education to all our young people remains our number one priority.

Our schools are remaining open to support vulnerable children and children of critical workers whose role is essential to the Covid-19 response. You will have received a letter earlier today for you to request a place in school for your child if you are a critical worker and I would like to thank parents and carers for their prompt replies to this. Our schools are currently working on their plans for in-school provision and will contact parents and carers to confirm critical worker places.

Headteachers will also be contacting the families of vulnerable students to make appropriate arrangements for their support. For those not attending school, remote learning will be in place offering high quality online resources in line with our Universal Offer, available on all our school websites. Those vulnerable children and children of critical workers attending school will receive the same learning as those accessing it at home.

I would like to thank you in advance for helping and supporting your children's learning during this time.

Families in receipt of free school meals will like previously be sent supermarket vouchers from school. Vulnerable and critical worker children attending our schools will receive their free school meal as normal.

We know this is not an ideal situation and like you, would much prefer having children in our schools learning alongside their friends and teachers. However, this is a necessary step to help suppress the spread of Covid-19 and if we all play our part in doing this, the sooner all children will be able to return to our schools.

We will write to you again later this week with further details and any government updates.

In the meantime, please stay safe and take care.

Yours faithfully



Andrew Daly
Chief Executive Officer

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