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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with a very heavy heart that I send this letter to you this evening. This is not the start of term we were all hoping for; indeed, our dedicated team were all in today preparing for the opening tomorrow! However, as I am sure you will have learnt this evening as I just have, schools have been directed to close as from tomorrow. I am so sorry for the such late notice; we had no prior warning as a school. I fully understand and share your frustrations around the difficulties this may pose to you as a family.

Tomorrow staff will finalise work for our children to begin online 'home-provision' from Wednesday. Information on how to access remote learning is on the website and will be sent to you again tomorrow.

From tomorrow, only 'Key Worker children' or 'vulnerable children' may attend school. Please can I urge you to only send your child if you are a Critical Key Worker as outlined on the www.gov.uk website, please do not use this provision if you have possible alternative arrangements. If you are a Critical Key Worker and your child is to attend, for tomorrow only, please take them to their usual classroom at 8.50am and pick up at 3.30pm. If a school meal is required, the school kitchen will provide a lunch.

Tomorrow a form will be sent to you so you can advise us if you are a Critical Key Worker and a booking form will follow for future dates.

Lime Trees 'Breakfast' club will be open tomorrow morning. Further information will follow regarding this provision.

Everyone at school understands how difficult home schooling can be, particularly if you are trying to work from home yourself. Therefore, as I have stressed previously please do not put undue pressure on yourselves to complete all the work your child is set if you are not able.

As always, I thank you in advance for your continued support and understanding at this extremely challenging time.

Please take care and keep well,

Mrs. Cook

