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Dear Parents and Carers,

CLOSURE FOR INTENSIVE CLEANING

I am very sad to inform you that the father of one of our pupils passed away over the weekend. He died following a long period of illness but then went on to contract the coronavirus, which ultimately led to his death. I know you will join me in offering our condolences to the family at this terrible time. They are currently being supported by health professionals and are following strict quarantine protocols.

The pupil concerned had no contact with him over the previous 2 weeks and I have been assured, from Public Health England, that our pupils and our setting were not put at risk in any way. There is no evidence that the live virus has been present in our school.

As a general precaution and to reassure you of how seriously I take the health and wellbeing of my staff and pupils, I have decided to bring forward plans for an intensive clean and to act immediately. It is with regret that this means closing the school for the rest of this week. This has not been an easy decision to make. I hope you will understand and that your child will be able to stay safely at home until Monday 30th March.

We are not able to put measures in place by tomorrow to continue to provide packed lunches for those who are eligible for free school meals. We have managed to secure vouchers from Tesco (to the value of £15) as a contribution to your grocery shopping this week. These will be sent to every eligible family as soon as they are available. No other supermarket was able to accommodate such a request.

Please check our website, under the "families" tab, for home-learning activities. Log-in details for some of the sites are included with this letter. Activities are optional and varied, so that you can make choices as a family. Those staff who are not unwell are continuing to work remotely, although we are aware that internet and mobile services are becoming less stable, so please be patient. We will be monitoring the school phone and admin email address throughout each day

We are living in very strange and unpredictable times. I will continue to make the best decisions I can at each turn and I remain hugely indebted to my staff, our pupils and yourselves as parents and carers for your support.

Yours sincerely,

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