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Dear Parents and Carers,

In the light of the announcement from the Prime Minister, this evening, The Valley School will remain open for the children of key workers and, given that every pupil counts as vulnerable as they have an EHC plan, those pupils whose families feel that they need to be in school.

Today, we had about half of our pupils in school and the majority of the staff. Staff are putting themselves at risk because they care deeply about the pupils and want to do the best for them. However, it is hoped that a further reduction in the numbers of pupils can allow for some staff to work effectively from home, where this is possible.

We assume that anyone absent today will continue to learn at home, unless we hear otherwise. If you wish to keep your son/daughter at home having heard the broadcast, please email kellie.ransom@thevalley.herts.sch.uk or leave a voicemail on the school number.

If your son/daughter is not attending school, please can you let the taxi operator know directly so that they are aware that they do not need to collect your child.

Our plans for remote learning are considerably more developed than they were at the beginning of March and we will do all that we can to ensure that learning continues for every child. As soon as we have clarity about how it will be rolled out, vouchers will be issued for free school meals.

Unless we hear differently, we will assume that your child will be in school tomorrow and we will continue to provide for them.

Yours sincerely

Taney Howarth
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Deputy Headteacher



