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Dear parents/carers

Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils

Following on from my last update, **we have now been instructed to close the school to almost all children after this Friday until further notice.**

As advised by the government, we will do all we can to stay open for the children of key workers (e.g. NHS staff, police, others in frontline services) and children with certain needs. We are still awaiting a complete list from the Government.

All other children will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school from Monday onwards.

Please note that this is a national closure – as you may have heard in the news – so while it is a challenging situation, we are not alone. We will re-open fully as soon as we can and will let you know when this is by text/email.

What we'll continue doing while your child is at home

Your child's learning is of course important to us, so we will continue to help your child to learn.

- We are providing work packs for all students, some students may have already taken these home. For those students who are absent, packs will be left at the sports entrance of the school to collect by a family member/friend. This is not compulsory as we understand vulnerable members of our community may not want to risk exposure to coronavirus – however we believe it is important to offer the option.
- We have listed some online resources for your child to use on our website under Students – Revision - <https://boldonschool.com/students/revision/>

If your child usually receives free school meals we will also be in touch with more information about how we may continue to provide this, with support from a scheme that the government has just announced.

What we won't be able to go ahead with:

- Activities Week (information regarding refunds will be sent when we have clarification)
- Year 11 Prom / Year 11 Leavers Assembly
- Parents' evenings
- Year 6 Transition days and Welcome evening

This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience with as we deal with this ever-changing situation. We understand that this latest news will have an impact on you and your family and it's far from ideal, but we'll continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

If you want to get in touch to share any concerns, please don't hesitate to do so.

Thank you again for your continued support, and we will be in touch with more information when we can.

Yours sincerely

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