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Dear Parents/Carers

Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils

Following on from my last letter, I am writing to let you know that **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 only e.g. NHS staff, police, others in frontline services (not an exhaustive list at present) and children with certain needs. **Once the list of key workers is published, should all primary carers for your child/ren fall into these categories, it will be your family decision as to whether or not you choose to access school provision. There will still be risks that we simply cannot contain but of course we will do what we can. It is essential that you only access this provision if it is absolutely vital for you to do so as a key worker.**

All other children will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child/ren into school from Monday onwards. It is imperative that you adhere to this request as no child of a parent/carer, not recognized on the key worker list will have access to school for any reason.

Please note that this is a national closure, as you will 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 will be by text message.**

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

All pupils have been issued with school email accounts and class email distribution lists have been created.

To access their work and communicate with teachers, pupils should:

- Log onto the school website at www.etonecollege.co.uk
- Click the "RM Unify" button (top right corner of the school website)
- Enter their username and password (same as those used to log on in school)
- Click into Mail Microsoft Office 365

Pupils should use email in the usual way to receive work and communicate with their class teachers. Online learning platforms were detailed in my previous letter and these should be accessed by pupils where possible.

Staff have been asked to set tasks for their classes and upload any resources that pupils may need to complete these tasks. All instructions should be clear but if not, you and/or your child can simply email the teacher with a question for support and they will get back to you as soon as possible. **Please note that emails will only be monitored during school hours and not during weekends.** Pupils have been advised of this today as well as a reminder about using the email system in an appropriate manner at all times.

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

This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued support and patience 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 is far from ideal, but we will continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops. What is important in all of this is the safety of yourselves and your families, so please do take care.

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

Yours faithfully

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Headteacher

