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Dear Parents & Carers,

## **What's changing?**

You will have now heard the news that all schools in England will be closed at the end of the day on Friday 20th March. This closure is full and indefinite except to the children of key workers and vulnerable children and families.

## **What is happening about schooling when children are at home?**

We have taken steps to provide resources for home learning through our *Google Classroom*. Today we have started to introduce children to this online learning platform where you will find activities, ideas and challenges to support your children's learning from home.

Nevertheless, this has been a steep learning curve for our staff and children as we have never tried to deliver online learning in this way before. We also understand that this may provide a challenge for our children and families at home and, therefore, we welcome any feedback and will listen to your views on how we can make this work.

Of course, it will be important for parents and carers to monitor children's online usage to ensure they are following safer internet rules. You can find lots of useful information on the ChildNet website here:

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/parent-and-carer-toolkit>

They will have come home with their login details on a small strip of paper – please don't lose it! We will be attaching guidance to help you and your child log on. If you do get stuck, we'd be happy to talk this through with you on the phone or there is plenty of guidance on the internet.

## **We are not on the internet / We don't have a device my children can use at home**

If this is the case, you must contact the school immediately. It is possible that we may be able to loan equipment for the period but it is more likely that we will produce hard copy packs, which you can pick up from the school office. These will be available at the school or, if you notify us that you are self-isolating, we will deliver these to your doorstep.

**I am a key worker - what should I do?**

You have this morning received a text and an email from the school asking you to let us know whether you consider yourself to be a key worker (as ill-defined as that term appears to be at the moment.) It is vital that you complete that form as soon as possible. We will be making decisions about staffing requirements based on those figures so please return your response immediately.

We will provide further communication to explain arrangements that will be made for your child to be in school so that you can work.

**I've also heard that EHCP / vulnerable children and families are also eligible to stay in school**

This is also true and, although there remains a lack of clarity as yet as to how this group is defined, we are working with what we currently know. If we think you fall into this bracket, will contact you to find out whether or not you expect your child to use the services of the school. If you have any concerns or questions about this, then please contact the school office.

**..and finally...**

I want to thank you all for the amazing support you have given both me and my team throughout this crisis. We could not want for a better community and are proud to continue to serve you in whatever way we can - for as long as we can. We also thank *you* for the journey that you are about to embark in whatever your role is at work or at home with your children. WE HAVE GOT THIS! Good luck Team Rownhams!

Yours sincerely,



**Tim Woodford**

Headteacher