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Dear Parent/ Carer

Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most students

Following on from my last update, I'm now writing to let you know that **we have now been instructed to close the school to almost all students 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 possibly Teachers and Delivery drivers) and children with certain needs.

We are already contacting the families of our vulnerable students, but we need your help in identifying where we have families in which parents/carers are key workers, as defined by the government. We are waiting for the government to publish more information on what this means, but it would help us in the meantime if you could let us know if you think your child may fall into this category.

Therefore, please contact us as soon as possible if you are a key worker and would like your child to continue to attend provision at Abbey Grange, so that we can plan accordingly. This could be by phone on 0113 2757877 or by email info@abbeygrangeacademy.co.uk Please give your child's name and form, as well as which category of key worker that you fit into.

The provision will not be exactly the same as a normal school day as we are likely to have a mix of ages coming in, and staffing will depend upon the availability of colleagues. The current situation is that the school buses will continue to run, again depending on continued driver availability.

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'll re-open fully as soon as we can and will communicate with you in the normal way when we know more.

As I have said in a previous letter, other students will be provided with work, either via our online platforms (Foldr and MILK) or with paper copies where we know that there are internet access issues. 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 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's far from ideal, but we'll continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

And remember: if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please use [NHS 111 online](#).

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

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jon Norden', written in a cursive style.

Jon Norden
Principal