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Headteacher's Newsletter – 19th March 2020 (8.15am)

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

Yesterday, the Government announced that schools would be closed for most children.

I had no advanced warning of this and at this time I am waiting for further information.

The Prime Minister made it clear that schools will remain open for children of key workers and children with certain needs from Monday, as part of the country's ongoing response to coronavirus.

As yet there is no guidance on who/what are "key workers". If you feel that you/ your child falls into one of these categories and need your child to continue to attend school from Monday please let me know – either catch me at the door, call 01252 400222 or email me (head@stpaulstongham.com) I'll be in touch again as soon as I receive information on who this does apply to.

If you receive certain benefits I will also be in touch with more information about how we will continue to provide support, via a scheme that the government has just announced. Again, no details have been provided to me at this time.

Please note that this is a national closure – so while it is a challenging situation, we are not alone. We'll re-open fully as soon as we can and will continue to send texts and emails with information.

What we'll continue doing while your child is at home
Your child's learning is of course important to us, so we'll continue to help your child to learn. As long as staff remain well we will send work by email and information on how to access various sites requiring logins

This is as much as I know right now. I understand that this latest news will have an impact on you and your family and I will 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.

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