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Dear parents and carers,

Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils

As announced last night by the Secretary of State for Education, Gavin Williamson, **schools across the UK are to close from Friday 20th March 2020 “until further notice”**.

This means that St Mary Magdalene will be closed to all students, staff and visitors from Monday 23rd March 2020.

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 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 one of these categories. **Please call the school today or email with the subject line KEY WORKER** if you are unable to keep your child at home and your child falls in to one of the categories.

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

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 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 is far from ideal, but we 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 via admin@smmsprimary.co.uk or telephone the school office on 0207 639 1724 or leave details on the absence voicemail.

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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. Please note that school will be open as usual tomorrow except for Green Class which will remain closed on Friday as a result of staff shortages. If your child is in Green class and falls into any of the categories below and you are unable to keep your child at home, please call the school office as soon as possible so we can accommodate your child on Friday.

The St Mary Magdalene community thank you for your ongoing support, cooperation and patience during these unprecedented times.

Kind regards

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

Anna Harding
Acting Headteacher

