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**Coronavirus Update #7** 

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To all parents/carers,

I would like to say thank you for all the support and understanding you have given the school during these unprecedented times. You should know that it makes a huge difference to how we manage this situation and that morale in school, amongst the children and staff, despite everything that is going on around us, is high and there are still plenty of smiling faces to be seen whilst school carries on as normal.

That said, the most recent update from the Government is significant in that schools, across the country from Friday, will be closed until further notice for the majority of children. Whilst this is not totally unexpected, and we have tried to put as much in place as possible assuming this would happen, there are some finer details to still work out over the next two days; not least the announcement about how schools in Derby will support vulnerable children and children of key workers.

Until we know more about this, which is likely to be in the morning, I will keep this update relatively brief and deliver a more detailed response tomorrow. More than anything, what I want all of you to take away from this, is that our strength as a community will get us through these difficult times.

Please, if you do want to discuss any of what has happened today further then feel free to grab me on the gate or drop me an email. We are here as a school for anyone that needs us.

See you in the morning,

Mr I. Johnson