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Dear Parent

School closure announcement

You will have heard about the government's announcement on the news yesterday evening:

- Schools to close on Friday, staying open only for children of key workers and vulnerable children
- Meals and vouchers for FSM children
- Exams in May and June cancelled

Clearly, this is an unprecedented decision which will be a relief to many but also prompts a number of questions. It remains to be seen what the announcement will mean in practice for schools.

Which groups of students should still come to school on Monday?

The government announcement indicated that only the children of key workers and children with SEND / EHCP plans/ children with social workers should attend school on Monday.

We have already asked parents who are key workers to notify us. Please note that this also includes delivery drivers. If you have not already informed the school, please do so by emailing info@littleilford.org

We will send a parentmail to parents of students in the above categories on Friday.

What will happen to examinations?

At present, we are waiting for a statement from Ofqual, the body in charge of examinations. They released a statement this morning to say that they will be working urgently with the Department for Education about the details of this decision and will provide more information as soon as possible.

There has been some speculation about whether this will mean that students' qualifications will now be based on teacher assessment, but we do not know what form this will take. I hope to be able to update you in my email tomorrow.

Support for students and remote learning

There is a section on the school website for online home learning which can be accessed via the homepage and 'students' tab. The web page contains:

- A guide for parents- how you can support your child
- A guide for students

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This contains detailed information about work set for your child's year group by each subject area. In addition, work is being set via Google Classroom and SMHW.

There is so much uncertainty and I appreciate that this is a very stressful time for you and your families. I want to thank you again for your support and appreciation.

I wish you well and hope you are all in good health.

Yours sincerely

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