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Good evening

Please excuse the lateness of this letter but as you will be aware the Prime Minister announced tonight that England was going into lockdown again and this time schools would be closed to all pupils except those who are considered vulnerable or who are the children of key workers. It is currently our understanding that schools will be closed for the majority of students until after February half-term, however, we will confirm as soon as possible.

This has come just after we had communicated with you the plans for the next few weeks. Obviously, they are now redundant and have been replaced with the following.

If you are the parent/carer of a vulnerable child in years 7 to 13 or a key worker, then nothing has really changed. If you have identified that you want to send your child to school because they are part of the vulnerable and key worker group then please send them in as set out in the letters you received today from Mrs McSparron, Mr Souter or Mr Scott.

If your child is in year 5 or 6 as a result of the country going into lockdown tonight then school can not go ahead as we had planned. Therefore, from tomorrow your child will be educated at home online and work will be set via Google Classroom. If however you need your child to be in school and to be in the vulnerable and key worker group, you will need to fill in tonight the google form that is being shared with you this evening. This will then allow us to plan the provision for tomorrow. You will need to provide your child with a packed lunch for tomorrow as we have to arrange things with regards to meals.

With regards to summer examinations, the Prime Minister was not clear on this in tonight's statement. It is clear that some changes will be made, but until we have further information we will not comment at this stage. Rest assured that as soon as arrangements are clarified, we will update you at our earliest opportunity.

For those pupils who were due to sit an external exam this week or next week, we are waiting to hear from the exam boards and as soon as we hear anything, we will let you know what is happening with regard to these exams.

I have no doubt that you will have any number of questions and when we have had more detail tomorrow, I will be in touch with you to share what we know and what this means for the Federation.

Once again sorry for the lateness of this message, but I am sure you will understand why I have sent it.

All the best.

John Barnes
Executive Headteacher