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Dear Parents,

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Following the announcement this evening by our Prime Minister, we are, regretfully, obliged to announce we have to close both the Nursery and the School from the close of play on Friday until further notice.

Your children's health and education continue to remain our primary concern and we will, naturally, do all that we can to help play our part to combat the COVID-19 outbreak.

School

As you are aware, we have one week of the Lent term left; therefore, Monday 23rd March will be the first day that Fairstead will move to its full online home learning provision. This will obviously cease over the Easter Holiday and re-commence on Monday 20th April in the unfortunate event that we are not allowed to re-open our doors.

As decreed by our Prime Minister, both the School and Holiday Club will remain open for children of 'Key Workers' only, including NHS staff, police and delivery drivers, according to the Government definition of 'Key Workers' and, crucially, depending on staff availability.

Nursery

Nurseries are, sadly, also included in this enforced closure, again from the close of play on Friday. We will endeavour to provide ideas for activities you can do with your children whilst at home, via Tapestry. As with the School, childcare will remain available for children of 'Key Workers', again, according to the Government definition of such workers and staff availability.

Holiday Club

Holiday Club will go ahead for children of 'Key Workers' only.

Please inform us immediately if you fall into this category (according to the Government definition of 'Key Workers') for both Nursery and School and you would need childcare.

Please be assured that both pupils and staff remain in good spirits. We are all determined to ensure that, despite this unprecedented disruption, the education of your child is of paramount importance to us and will continue to the very best of our ability. Thank you for your support and patience. I hope that you and your extended families remain safe and well.

With my very best wishes, as ever,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lynda Brereton".

Lynda Brereton
Head