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Dear Parents,

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Firstly, may I take this opportunity to express my appreciation for your support and encouragement at this difficult time. Your kind messages and comments have been hugely heartening to us all.

It is very clear to us that you understand that the enforced closure was not what we wanted, either for you, your children or our staff.

We have been waiting for official clarification of the term, 'Key Worker'; however, at the time of writing, this has yet to be released. Should you feel that you are in the category of 'Key Worker', please get in touch immediately as Nursery, School and Holiday Club are open for your children in order to allow our NHS and other essential services to continue.

Meanwhile, in School, our teachers are busy preparing for 'Fairstead From Home', which will begin on Monday. Details of how to access this online learning platform will be shared with you tomorrow.

I have received a small number of queries regarding fees both in the Nursery and in the School in the event of long term closure. Please be assured that the Governors are discussing this as a matter of urgency and we will let you know their decision as soon as possible. Governors are very mindful of your concerns during the current, unprecedented, time.

Finally, my colleagues and I have been greatly impressed and gratified by the high attendance of children in both Nursery and School and the children's positivity and resilience is exactly what our Prime Minister is asking of the country in order to overcome the current coronavirus crisis.

With my very best wishes, as ever,

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

Lynda Brereton
Head