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Dear Parents

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Thank you for paying heed to my letter of yesterday and to our Prime Minister's firm warning last night.

To emphasise, Nursery and School are closed; however, we can care for (at the moment, staff permitting) the very small number of children whose parents are both involved in front line work such as healthcare or food distribution.

It is assumed that if one parent in a family is not a front line Key Worker, they will look after their children. As stressed by our Prime Minister late night, this is to safeguard all the children in our care, our staff and the wider community. We do have two members of staff in the Nursery and one in School who are forced to self-isolate and so it is imperative that we contain this virus.

For those children for whom there is absolutely no alternative as both parents are Key Workers, please note that all children will need to bring in a packed lunch and tea. These children will need to be booked in on a daily basis for this week in the first instance. Please contact our Registrar, Saskia Ouwendijk, on registrar@fairsteadhouse.co.uk

We have set up a dedicated coronavirus update page on the School's website and all updates are available there: <http://www.fairsteadhouseschool.co.uk/coronavirus-statement/>

As I write, our Bursar is preparing a letter to our Nursery parents regarding fees moving forward and this will follow shortly.

As ever, many thanks for your understanding in these unprecedented times and my particular thanks for treating all staff with respect and courtesy at a time completely out of our control.

We will update you further after our Prime Minister speaks to the nation later today.

Yours sincerely,

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

Lynda Brereton
Head