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Dear Parent/ Guardian,

I am writing to inform you that I have taken the difficult decision to close school today. This closure comes as a result of the unprecedented challenges that coronavirus presents our school community. This week, we have witnessed student attendance decrease, alongside an increase in staff unable to attend work due to the strict regulations and restrictions which the UK Government has put in place.

At present, the school will remain closed until Monday 20th April 2020. Any further closures will be communicated to you as and when this decision is made, and we kindly ask you to monitor our website regularly for further information. For any urgent messages please email admin@thebusheyacademy.org.

Whilst difficult, we hope to minimise the disruption to our students' education as much as possible. Therefore, we have set students work to complete on a daily basis via Google Classroom. Please try to implement a consistent routine at home, and ensure that your child has a structure of work and rest times. Further guidance will be issued to you in due course.

Moreover, we are implementing plans to provide food for students eligible for Free School Meals: information about this will be communicated separately.

I trust that you understand the reasons behind this difficult decision, and I would like to express my thanks for your continued understanding. I also want to thank all school staff, both those in the classrooms and those who work behind the scenes, for their commitment and sacrifice during these times.

I wish you all the best during the school closure and I hope that you, your families and your friends stay safe and healthy. I would like to remind you of the governmental advice around this: ensure that you wash your hands frequently and that you limit all unnecessary travel and social contact. By working together, and by putting such precautions in place, we will get through this, and I look forward to writing to you in happier times.

With best wishes,

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