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Principal: Mrs S Wild

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Dear Parent/Carer

Further to my letter yesterday, as we have insufficient staff to open safely, we have had to make the very difficult decision to close school to children from today, Friday 20th March.

We all appreciate the stresses that the closure of the school is going to add to your lives and the staff are committed to helping in any way that we can.

Moving forward, at present, we are concentrating on providing childcare for children whose parents have identified themselves to us as Key Workers, around plans for Monday.

Next week, school will be open to staff and we will be finalising our plans for remaining in contact with all our parents at this time. We will be making use of resources such as Parent Mail and through the website, as well as posting ideas and activities for you to do with your children.

We are working out possible Free School Meal support, safeguarding support and ask you to keep checking the website for updates from both ourselves and The Trust.

Staff will be available to answer telephone queries on the main number next week, but you may need to leave a message as we have very reduced staffing, alternatively, please email us on admin.cs@castle.ncea.org.uk and we will get back to you.

We wish you all well as we enter these challenging times and, please do stay in touch.

Yours sincerely

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Principal



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