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Dear Parents/Carers,

Update on Coronavirus (COVID-19) for Parents and Staff

Today the Prime Minister has announced that schools across England will close at the end of the day on Friday. However the children of 'key workers' and other vulnerable children are able to continue to attend in order to support those children, and reduce pressure on the NHS and public services.

We have already communicated our contingency plans to you in brief, and will contact you with more detailed information by the end of the week.

'Key Worker' Parent/Carers

We already hold some details regarding the key worker status amongst our parents and carers. In order for us to identify the students that are able to stay in school if you are in a key role please email the school on our dedicated email address keyworker@courtfields.net. Please provide the following information:

- child's name
- parent name
- key worker status ie: nurse, police etc.

We will then contact you directly to arrange further details.

The exact criteria have not been communicated to schools, but may include NHS workers, emergency services, and some delivery drivers. If you are uncertain if you meet this criteria please check the Government or BBC news website, or email us on the above address, and we will confirm and respond to you.

Home Learning

Yesterday we sent you details regarding the provision for at home learning. This will be via our ClassCharts system. If you or your child do not currently have access to ClassCharts please contact us at classcharts@courtfields.net. We will follow with more detailed communication regarding home learning tomorrow.

Supporting Vulnerable Families

Tomorrow we will contact the families of children in receipt of free school meals to organise alternative food arrangements.

Families of particularly vulnerable students in our school, for example students with EHCPs or those with a social worker, will be contacted by our SEN or Pastoral staff regarding support during the school closure.

Safeguarding

If you have a safeguarding concern during this period of closure please contact our Safeguarding Team by email on Safeguarding@courtfields.net.

Please also visit our website Safeguarding page for more information.

Communication with Parents & Carers

The Senior Leadership Team, office and pastoral staff will continue our contact with you via the website, email, texts and social media.

Exams

We have been told today that we can expect changes to be taking place to GCSE assessments. The Prime Minister has not given further details at present. We will update you as soon as we have more information. We appreciate that this will be an anxious time for our Year 11 and their families and we will support you with the right information as it is released to us.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school tomorrow or on Friday if you have any concerns. Please note that phone lines may be busy, so it may be easier for you to email us at the main email address: sch.552@educ.somerset.gov.uk.

Thank you for the support and understanding that you have shown to us at this difficult time. We will do what we can to support our community over the coming weeks. My very best wishes go out to you and your families.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Polly Matthews
Acting Headteacher