

20<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing this letter with a sad heart knowing that today is a day when our pupils say goodbye to each other not knowing when our schools will open again. What you need to know is that you are still our pupils, you are still our families and we are committed to find ways to still continue to be that family. I look forward to using twitter to keep in touch with how you are all doing and hearing from school staff about what you are up to.

As you can imagine we have had very little time to arrange everything that is required to bring about the changes requested and we will continue to send regular communications out to you as we work things out. A separate communication via parentmail will be coming out soon for those parents who are in the key worker or vulnerable group.

Please find more information regarding the government decisions at the following link and hopefully it will help answer some of the more general questions you have.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

As you collect your children today I'm sure you'll join me in thanking our school staff for the incredible way they have dealt with everything these last few days as well as the wonderful way they have led your children this academic year. I know I am biased but I am confident our teams are the best!

In finishing I want to share with you what I have learnt over this last week

1. Headteachers, Teachers, support staff and pupils are so resilient!
2. Headteachers, Teachers, support staff and pupils are brilliant beyond measure!
3. Headteachers, Teachers, support staff and pupils are inspirational!
4. Headteachers, Teachers, support staff and pupils are remarkable and courageous!
5. Headteachers, Teachers, support staff and pupils are stronger than they know!

I'm so proud to be part of the amazing family we call the Acorn Trust

Please take care and I'll see you soon

Kind Regards



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