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Dear Parents/ Carers,

I am writing to update you with the arrangements for the next two days and beyond.

As you are aware we currently have several staff in self isolation but we have managed to keep the Hollybrook schools running as close to normal as possible and I am immensely proud of the whole school team for this tremendous, calm effort.

On Thursday 19th March and Friday 20th we intend to open both schools as normal. Both schools will then be closed in accordance with government direction until further notice. This feels like a very bizarre and sad thing to announce.

It appears that there will be no SATS exams this year - although we need further clarification on this.

I imagine that many of you have heard Boris Johnson's briefing at 5pm today sharing arrangements for schools going forward. In summary the message was as follows:

Schools are indefinitely closed from the end of this Friday to nearly all children and it is as yet unknown when they will reopen.

Exams will not take place in May and June.

Children of key workers and vulnerable children should be identified and can still come to school each day from Monday.

Schools have yet to be provided with a definitive list of 'Key Workers'. We are hoping to receive this imminently. We shall then need to quickly determine how many staff we will need to care for this group of pupils. Please help us by responding quickly to any forthcoming request for information about your employment.

Thank you for your patience and support in these strange and unusual times for our school, our community and our country.

Yours sincerely

Marcella Dobson
Headteacher