

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

School closure update

We would like to start by thanking all our parents and members of our communities who are carrying out vital roles putting themselves at risk in order to support others in this time of national crisis. As a group of schools we are keen to play our part to ensure that essential key workers are able to carry out their jobs. At this testing time we need to make sure that as a community we pull together to support each other for the benefit of everyone.

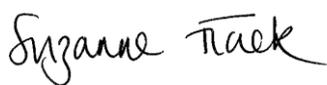
You will see that the government has said: **If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.** This is the safest place for your child and the rest of the community. As you might imagine we have spent a considerable amount of time over the last few days ascertaining who needs our services and what this might look like. Thank you for your support and cooperation with this.

The government have said that schools are opening to offer essential childcare and not to teach the national curriculum. The provision for the small numbers of children who are in our schools will be the same as for those who are at home.

**We are only expecting a pupil to attend school on Monday if we have confirmed this with you today. Please be aware that unfortunately any child who does come and is not eligible to be at school will be turned away. All pupils who have confirmed attendance are to be brought to the school reception with an adult where they will be registered.**

If your child is in receipt of a free school meal it is our intention to provide a daily meal. For those pupils not in school this will be delivered to your home each day, which we hope to be able to do from Monday. Further information will follow for those families who are eligible for this.

Yours faithfully,



Suzanne Flack

**CEO**



Eric van den Barselaar

**Chair**