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Dear Parents and Carers

COVID-19 – SCHOOL CLOSURE

Following the announcement regarding the closure of schools for all children with the exception of “vulnerable” children and the children of “key sector workers”, we have been working hard to put in place some practical arrangements.

The Government has asked all parents to keep their children at home wherever possible and has asked schools to **ONLY** remain open for those children who **ABSOLUTELY NEED TO**.

- **It is imperative you keep your children safe at home**
- **This virus is very infectious**
- **Parents should do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way that would enable the virus to spread**
- **Children should observe the same social distancing principles as adults**

If your work is critical to the COVID-19 response and you cannot keep your children safe at home then your children are eligible to access childcare.

Stokenham Area Primary School is closing today and we expect the majority of our children to stay at home. When we open on Monday we will be operating with skeleton staff as a significant number are self-isolating.

Our opening times will be 9.15am – 3.30pm. We will not be open during the Easter Holidays

If your child does attend school next week then it is important to note they will need to bring a packed lunch to school as there will be no catering service on site.

- **We will not be providing formal teaching at school during this time; it is a childcare provision**
- **Learning resources will be posted on line to help parents support their children’s learning at home**
- **If a member of staff or child attending the childcare provision contracts the Coronavirus we will close immediately**
- **This will mean the children and staff and their families will need to self-isolate for 14 days**

- **This provision is not appropriate for children with underlying medical issues (eg asthma and respiratory conditions to name but two)**

We will be contacting our Free School Meal children on Monday regarding food vouchers.

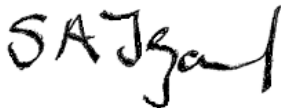
Please find attached important information regarding Safeguarding and Child Protection. This will also be posted on the school website.

Please also find attached advice on Safe Internet Use for your information.

Thank you for your patience and understanding in this ever changing scenario.

Please be mindful that I have a duty of care for my staff and their families so would urge you to think and act responsibly.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S A Jezard". The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized, with the 'S' and 'A' being particularly prominent.

**S A Jezard
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