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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am sorry to write so late into the evening but after the late announcement from the Prime Minister, I know many of you will be eager to know what this means for you and your family.

A decision has been made by Hull Collaborative Academy Trust (the Trust that is responsible for our school) to remain closed tomorrow and open on Wednesday for vulnerable pupils and those of critical workers.

I know this will be yet more frustrating news for many of you, who yourselves rely on school so that you are able to go to work. The lateness of the Government announcement has not made it easy for schools and made it virtually impossible to get things in place in time for tomorrow. We are remaining closed so that we can review our risk-assessments and ensure that we are safe and ready with both face-to-face teaching and remote learning on Wednesday.

Throughout tomorrow, all of my team will be working incredibly hard making contact with you to explain what learning will look like for your child(ren) and to ascertain whether you fit the vulnerable or critical worker criteria for a place in school.

As the Prime Minister has said, people should work from home where possible and only leave the house for very limited purposes. I would hope that your own employers are sympathetic to the fact that your hands may be tied for childcare at this late stage and I can only apologise for the decision we have had to make.

If you have any questions, our school office will be open as normal tomorrow to take your calls.

Thank you for your support and understanding and please stay safe!

Yours Sincerely,

Stuart Mills
Headteacher

