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Dear Parents/ Carers

Coronavirus update - Thank you for working with us at this very uncertain and difficult time.

We have now been instructed to close the school to almost all children after **Friday 20th March 2020** until further notice. Staff are working hard to ensure learning can continue during this closure period.

- Every child will be provided with a pack of work which will include ideas and websites to help them continue their education at home.
- The school website will be a vital source of communication for all and it will be updated as we receive new information.
- Please click on the 'Parents' tab on the top of the home page and select 'home learning'.
- Go to your child's year group and click on this. Work will be regularly added to the site.
- There will be an email address on this page if you should need to contact school and a separate email for any safeguarding issues or concerns.
- We have created a 'worry book' and a 'social story pack' for children who are struggling to understand what is happening. Parents may find this useful to use at home. This will be on the website.

As advised by the government we will still be open for certain groups of children. The guidelines are very specific and you will be asked to provide evidence to show that your child/children is eligible. At present key worker groups are listed below but additional groups may be added tomorrow after the cabinet office make their next announcement.

- 🛡️ **NHS staff: doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, hospital cleaners**
- 🛡️ **Community safety staff: police officers and firefighter**
- 🛡️ **Children who have an EHCP (Educational Health Care Plan) although you may feel that they will be best placed at home.**

If you live in a two parent/carer household where one parent is a key worker but the other not, then your children will be expected to stay at home. Schools are being asked to stay open to enable essential services to continue. We are aware that this will inconvenience many people and it will have financial implications for many but unfortunately, we have to strictly follow the guidelines. If you believe you fit into one of these categories please email: headteacher@hempshillhall.nottingham.sch.uk as soon as possible. We will require evidence from both parents/carers to show working rotas and confirmation of job roles.

Due to schools being closed many event and activities are going to be cancelled. Many children will be disappointed about this and we will try and reschedule things, where possible, when we reopen. However in the meantime there will be no

- School trips
- Planned events
- Internal or external exams or tests

Obviously, at this point we do not have any indication about when we will reopen.

All of these measures are being put into place to try and reduce the spread of Coronavirus and keep you and your children safe. As a school community we are deeply saddened that we are having to close and we hope that we will be reopening as quickly as possible. In the meantime if you or your child feel ill the current government guideline say you should self-isolate for 14 days and contact NHS 111 if you need support or advice. The school office will be working remotely but will be checking emails. If you need to contact then please do so on admin@hempshillhall.nottingham.sch.uk.

Warmest regards and best wishes

Sally Dakin and Karen Gregg

Information to include in the email if you are an eligible key worker

Your child or children's names and class/ classes.	Name: Class:
The reason why you need them to attend.	
Would it be everyday or just certain days? (depending on work pattern/rota) This may change on a weekly basis.	
Any other information which may be relevant.	