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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Coronavirus Update – School Closure to Most Pupils

You will have heard yesterday that the government has decided to close all schools from **Monday 23rd March** so we ask that you do not send your child into school from Monday onwards. Please note that this is a national closure – as you may have heard in the news – so while it is a challenging situation, we are not alone. We'll re-open fully as soon as we can and will let you know when this is via text message and email. This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience as we deal with this ever-changing situation. We understand that this latest news will have an impact on you and your family and it is far from ideal, but we will continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

Barnet is developing plans to provide education/child care for the children of key workers, as well as those who are most vulnerable at this time (e.g. have a social worker) or who have an EHCP. I am awaiting more information on this and will keep you informed.

In the meantime, Moss Hall Schools will endeavour to provide childcare for these children. The list of key workers is due to be announced by the government today but we believe it to include - Doctors, nurses, health workers, care workers, warehouse workers and supermarket delivery drivers.

If you feel that you are a key worker or have a vulnerable child or have a child with an EHCP and you will need some form of education/child care over the coming weeks, please let the office know by emailing office@mosshallnursery.barnetmail.net - we will need some proof if you are a key worker.

You will have noticed that we are currently operating with limited staff and this is likely to continue as staff or their families may need to self-isolate. For this reason, we will only be able to offer care to the children and families in real need. We intend to open from 8.00 – 3.45 to ensure adequate staffing. Please let us know if the lack of tea club presents a real difficulty for you.

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And remember: if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please use NHS 111 online.

Finally, I would like to thank all the staff who have given so much time and effort to provide an education for all children now and looking ahead. I am confident that this support and commitment will continue whatever challenges we face.

Thank you again for your continued support, and we will be in touch with more information when we can.

Best wishes

Annette Long (Headteacher)

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