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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils

I am sure that you will have heard the news by now and will understand that the Government is closing schools to almost all children from Friday evening.

I am expecting to be given more detail today about the Government's plans for the education of vulnerable children and the children of key workers (e.g. NHS staff, police, others in frontline services - more clarification will come from the Government about exactly who a key worker is later today). That will then help us to form a plan for how Stamshaw Infant School can support the local community during the closure.

We are waiting for the Government to publish more information on what this means, but it would help us in the meantime if you could let us know if you think your child may fall into one of these categories. Please can you ring the school on 023 92661192 or email enquiries@stamshaw-inf.portsmouth.sch.uk and let us know. You will need to include your child's full name, class and why you think you fall into the category as a *key worker*. We will be in touch again as soon as we are sure who this does apply to.

All other children will need to stay at home, 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. In the next few days, we will be adding some helpful links to our website www.stamshawinfant.co.uk to enable your children to continue their education remotely. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you need help with any of these online activities.

This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience with us 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.

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

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

With very best wishes,

Mrs J Cooper

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