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Dear Parents/Carers,

Provision for the education of vulnerable children and for the children of 'key workers'.

Following Government legislation the school will close to most of our pupils today at 3.15pm – as yet no one is able to state when the school will re-open for all pupils.

The school will remain open for some pupils (key workers and some others).

Things continue to move at pace and I'm afraid guidance (when given) is changing hourly. Overnight we finally received the list of key workers and guidance for schools:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

Please note the following guidance to Parent/Carers:

'the most recent scientific advice on how to further limit the spread of COVID-19 is clear. If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading. That is why the government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked schools to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend.'

As said in the letter yesterday, everyone at Thurlton Primary School and Clarion Trust are committed to doing all we can to support our local and wider community. Unfortunately, our workforce is just as likely to succumb to COVID-19 as everyone else's.

I have a duty of care to the pupils and to my colleagues. With that in mind, I need to ensure that if the school is open, it is safe for everyone; pupils and staff. With that in mind, I may need to prioritise offers of places at school during these difficult times. The priority (in order) will be:

- Vulnerable children, as defined by the government (link above).
- Children who have both parents (or sole parent) who work/s in health and social care, public safety and national security and education and childcare.
- Children who have both parents (or sole parent) who work/s in other areas deemed 'critical' (link above).
- Children who have one parent who works in health and social care, public safety and national security and education and childcare.
- Children who have one parent who works in other areas deemed 'critical'.

I know several Parents/Carers have contacted the Office regarding their situation and I have responded to those, if you feel you fall into one of the categories above or your circumstances change in the future please do not hesitate to contact me.

Currently on the website are activities pupils can complete to continue with their learning and after Easter staff will be posting home learning activities on the website on a regular basis. In order for pupils to complete the work set a Home Learning Book is being sent home with your child/ren this afternoon, if you require additional stationary or equipment please do not hesitate to contact the school.



Please send pictures or scans of the work your child/ren have completed for staff to look at. If you have any queries about work set please contact the relevant teacher (all email addresses are on the website but I have included them at the end of this letter for your information).

Looking ahead, we will be organising times for pupils to be able to change reading books and library books – further information to follow.

As you all know our main concern is the well being of the pupils, we have made it clear to all pupils that they are always there to talk to them to alleviate worries and answer questions.

Yesterday staff and pupils had a question and answer session regarding the closure. One main concern was if the school did not re-open to all pupils until September what would happen regarding the Year 6 leaving.

I have assured all pupils that something will be organised to ensure a proper goodbye is said to the Year 6's (even if it is in September)

MOTHER'S DAY

I hope you have all remembered to purchase your copy of the Beccles and Bungay Journal today.

Thank you for your continued support to the school and remember my door is always open – even if only via email or telephone at the moment.



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Headteacher

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