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Dear Parents and Carers

Following the Secretary of State for Education's statement in the Houses of Parliament this evening, I am writing to you with an update on the current situation.

In this time of national emergency, the Government is taking decisive action in relation to schools, and at NPAT, we will play a full part in performing our civic duty in the fight against COVID-19.

In line with the government directive, we are therefore closing to pupils at the end of the school day on Friday 20th March. This is until further notice. This is for all children **with the exception of those whose parents are on the frontline of the fight against COVID-19 and for those that are most vulnerable.**

We will, therefore, be open only for the children of key workers and those that are most vulnerable. We will send out more information about who these children are once we have information about this from the Government.

Today's announcement has raised many questions for us all and, as yet, we do not have all the answers. We will endeavour to find out more over the coming hours and into tomorrow and will get information to you as soon as it becomes available.

I am sure that this is an anxious and frustrating time for you, as it is for us, but please bear with us as we work to find the answers and prepare for these changes. Some parents may not agree with the decisions that the Government are making, but I ask that you trust that we are making the very best decisions that we can in the face of a national emergency.

These truly are extraordinary times. Thank you for your patience and support. We must each play our part in fighting this virus.

Very best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julia Kedwards'.

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