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Dear Parents/Carers of Spring Partnership Trust schools,

Arrangements for schools from next week

As you may have seen in the news, schools around the country will be closed **to almost all children from Monday 23rd March** until further notice.

As advised by the government, we will do all we can to stay open for the children of key workers (e.g. NHS staff, police, others in frontline services) and children with certain needs. The Headteacher of your school will be in contact with you regarding the plan for Monday, if your child is eligible to come into school.

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. We will re-open our schools fully as soon as we can and will let you know when this is via ParentPay.

What we'll continue doing while your child is at home

We will continue to help your child to learn through activities on the school's websites and other recommended resources and more details will follow from your child's school.

If your child usually receives free school meals we will also be in touch with more information about how we will continue to provide this, with support from a scheme that the government has just announced.

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's far from ideal, but we'll continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

I'm sure you will join me in thanking our school staff for continuing during the recent difficult circumstances and for making children feel reassured and secure.

Thank you again for your continued support, and please don't forget to keep up to date with the latest guidance on the gov.uk website to keep your families and communities safe.

Best wishes,



Jo Brinkley

CEO

The Spring Partnership Trust