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Dear Parents and Carers,

School closure for almost all pupils from the end of the school day on Friday 20 March 2020

I am sure that you will have heard the news by now and will understand that the government is closing schools from Friday evening.

I am expecting to be given more detail today about the government's plans for the education of vulnerable children, those with EHCPs and the children of key workers (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 Berewood Primary School can support the local community during the closure.

News was also included about how the assessment and examinations in May and June 2020 will be cancelled. I would urge everyone to be cautious at the moment, as there is no detail yet about how this will affect primary schools, though doubtless there be a lot of speculation on the internet. As soon as I know more from the Department for Education about this situation, I will let you know as this particularly affects our Year 1, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6 pupils.

I promise I will write again today to outline what our plans are once I have met with my senior leaders, discussed the matter with the Trust and understood from school staff what the implications are on them and their families.

These remain tricky times, but I am hopeful we will have some much-needed clarity in the coming days.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Ricky Leigh
Headteacher