Thursday 19th March 2020

 **RE: School Closure**

Dear Parents/Carers

* The Government has now instructed all schools to close and therefore we will close at 3.00pm tomorrow, Friday 20th March. We do not yet know how long this will be for. The motivation behind the Government instructions are to reduce the risk of the spread of infection and the most effective way to do this is to keep your children at home.

The Government has instructed that schools will be open to those whose parents are key workers. (These include NHS staff, Police and bulk food delivery drivers. We are yet to have a definitive list.)

* Could we ask parents to confirm with school via email or telephone by 9.30am tomorrow if you are a front-line worker and require provision for your child. Children who should continue to attend school are either those children of a **single parent** household who are identified as key workers, or those children where **both** parents are keyworkers.

School will be open during normal teaching hours for the above pupils. For other pupils we are keen to ensure as little disruption as possible to learning and during normal teaching hours staff will continue to work with children who are at home by setting learning tasks on Microsoft Teams. **Please go onto our school website and the link to Microsoft Teams advice is on the front page.**

**Children Eligible for Free School Meals**

The local authority are yet to announce what arrangements are to be put in place for the provision of food for children eligible for free school meals (whether they are at home or at school), but we hope to be able to share more information on this in the next 24 hours.

**What to do if you need help or advice about accessing online work for your child**

There is a separate Microsoft Team called Harworth Academy technical problems next to your class team. Click into this to send a message and it will be answered as soon as possible.

Meanwhile please keep safe and we look forward to the day when the school is once again able to open to all pupils.

Thank you for your continued support.

*Kerrie*

**Kerrie L Clowes**