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Dear Parents and Carers

During these extremely difficult and worrying times for everyone, we have been continually receiving COVID-19 guidance from Government, Public Health England, and the Department for Education. As you know we are committed to keep open our school for those most in need, but most importantly the priority is keeping students, staff, families and communities safe.

You are, no doubt, aware of the announcement made yesterday evening; the message was clear:

“At this moment of **national emergency** to stay at home, protect our NHS and save lives”

Following on from the Prime Minister’s address to the nation, I spoke at great length with our Chair of Governors. We have made the decision we will **not** be opening over the next three weeks whilst these stricter measures are in place. This was not an easy decision to make but by staying home it will protect our school community and help to save lives. We have contacted transport.

We continue to monitor the situation and looking at advice and guidance to ensure safety and health comes first for students, families and staff. Any updated advice will be found on the school website.

In the meantime, we will be assigning a member of staff to keep in contact with you. They will provide you with a contact email address and also phone you and your child weekly as a minimum. They will make contact before the end of the week.

As previously explained, we have provided hard copy learning packs and you can access online platforms via our website: <http://www.lampard.devon.sch.uk/page/?title=Home+Learning&pid=50>.

Your child’s tutor will provide a level of individualised learning on the first day after Easter, should you need it. They will email this to you. If you have no internet, they will share this with you over the phone and talk through ideas for learning activities.

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals, we are setting up an online system with WONDE and vouchers will be sent electronically to you over the next few days. Families eligible for Free School Meals will receive vouchers to the average value of a daily school meal, these can be used in any of the following supermarkets - ASDA, Morrisons, TESCO or Sainsburys.



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We have introduced a dedicated safeguarding email address for our website so anyone can contact us regarding a non-urgent safeguarding query. The email address is safeguarding@lampard.devon.sch.uk and can be found on our safeguarding and online safety pages on the school website.

Admin will be regularly checking the admin email box, so you can contact the school, this way as well in a non-emergency situation: admin@lampard.devon.sch.uk

If you are a **critical worker** and there is no-one able to safely look after your child at home. During the time the school is closed if you need provision for your child, the Local Authority need you to register: <https://www.devon.gov.uk/document/schools-and-families/>

As the school is shut, and nobody to take calls, if you have an urgent enquiry you can contact us on: [07394820865](tel:07394820865) between 10am and 12.20pm each day, during this time of closure.

Life as we have known it will change for a short period. This is for everyone's safety. We will get through this and we cannot wait to slowly begin to go back to the normal way we work with your child and with you. I hope your child is ok. This is hard for adults to understand, I can't imagine what that must be like for your child. We hope regular contact over the phone will remind them we will see them soon.

We will be in contact about when we hope to re-open our school buildings, at the earliest convenience and when it is safe to do so.

Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding, and we hope you all stay safe and well.

Sam Barham
Headteacher

