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Dear Parents and Carers

You will, by now, have seen the news that on Friday the school will be closed for all children at the end of the school day, with the exception of those parents / carers named as **key workers**. Over the coming weeks, and possibly months, the school's function will change from being one of providing an education to being one providing care facilities for those children. All the staff are prepared and ready to step into this role and do all we can to help. We will have a skeleton staff ready to ensure those children are safe and happy.

Today and tomorrow our aim is to ascertain which **key worker parents, whilst they are at work**, need us to provide this facility. We ask that where only one parent is a key worker but the other parent is not, that those children stay at home. This will enable us to support the most vulnerable children and those parents who are on the front line.

If you work in any of the following sectors below please contact the school by email, secretary@bishop-cornish.cornwall.sch.uk giving us details of the times that you need child care so we can ensure that the before and after-school club is available. We know that this may be subject to change but it will enable us to ensure we have correct staffing ratios. Our aim is that we will be as flexible as possible and we will provide care from 7.45am till 6.00pm as we do at present.

The following workers, we believe, are considered 'key workers':

- NHS staff
- Police
- Fire and rescue workers
- Delivery drivers
- Teachers and school staff who are required to be in school on certain days
- Care home workers
- Carers in the community

To date we have had no further information from the Government so there may be amendments to this list. We wanted to try and give some clarity before the end of the day.

I would like to thank all the staff for their dedication and eagerness to step in to provide support from Monday onwards. The school will be open over the Easter break and until further notice for those key worker families **only**. We know that this will inflict hardship on many other families and for this we are sorry. We must however ensure that we follow the government's instructions.

For those children at home we will provide from next week, fun learning activities via the website and hopefully this will keep them busy during these unprecedented times. We do not expect parents to 'teach' their children.

We will also maintain regular contact with all parents to keep you up-to-date.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Sue Green
Headteacher