



Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am certain that many of you will already be aware that yesterday evening the UK Government announced that all schools will close on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020 for **most** pupils (with the exception of children of keyworkers, the most vulnerable and those with Education, Health and Care Plans). The closure is until further notice.

At the time of writing this letter however, we do not have from government the full details of who falls under the category of a 'key worker'. The only information we have is from the press conference yesterday, when Boris Johnson named NHS workers, police and delivery drivers. Therefore, we cannot yet identify who these children will be. To try to be as prepared as possible for Monday, I have created a form for parents to complete **IF YOU BELIEVE OR KNOW THAT YOU ARE A KEY WORKER**. This form is attached along with this letter. I would like to ask parents who believe that they are a key worker to complete the form and email it to: **keyworker@templemoor.trafford.sch.uk**. This way, when the government provides us with the list of who they are identifying as key workers, we can quickly contact all these parents. I would make a plea to parents to help us in this way by completing the form and submitting today if possible, by Friday lunchtime at the latest.

For the next two days we will ensure that Templemoor continues to run as successfully as we have been over the last few weeks. We will need to prepare your children effectively for a major change in their daily routine and we will need to reassure them that they will be okay and still learn lots if they are not attending school. Home learning resources will be sent home today, and the 'Home Learning' section (under the 'Children' tab) on our school website, will go live on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 9am. Staff who are well will still be working and so I will be directing them to plan more activities and tasks and prepare and share other useful documents for home learning in the coming days and weeks. It will be really important that you check the school website regularly, particularly as we do not have any indication about how long school may be closed.

Finally, I am sure that you will agree that the whole of the Templemoor team have been absolutely amazing over the past few weeks in dealing with a situation which has brought a great deal of additional pressures to their already demanding roles. I wholeheartedly thank you for your support of the school in the past few days. Your patience and understanding in particular, has been very much appreciated. These are very testing times for us all and I know how worrying this situation is and how hard these next few days and beyond may be for families. But I know that together, as a school community, we will continue to support one another and make the best of the situation that we are faced with. During this period of closure, if you need any help or support, please do not hesitate to get in touch via [admin@templemoor.trafford.sch.uk](mailto:admin@templemoor.trafford.sch.uk) and we will do all that we can to help you.

With very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stuart Hodgson".

Stuart Hodgson  
Headteacher