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Dear Parents and Carers

Today's announcement that schools will be closed for the foreseeable future except for certain groups of children and that public examinations are cancelled for this academic year will have come as a shock to many. Certainly the scale of the measures means we are not in a position to provide you with specific details at this point.

We want to reassure you, that as soon as we have more fine detail, we will update you on all arrangements going forward. There will be regular updates on your school's website in the days ahead during the period of the school closure.

The government have assured us that the children who should be sitting public examinations will not be disadvantaged and we will have to wait for the detail on this matter. We feel enormously sympathetic for our students who have been working so hard and who wanted the opportunity to demonstrate what they can achieve in the examinations.

For children who will be at home for the foreseeable future, we will be sharing work packages with you either in hard copy or online. To best prepare them for their future, it will be important that they continue to study so they can build on their learning once they are able to return to school once more.

Home learning resources can be accessed via our website by clicking on the 'Home Learning' tab at the top of the home page. You can then click on your child's class where you will find regularly updated lessons, resources and links to enable our children to continue their learning at home.

During this period, we have established an email specifically for sharing completed pieces of learning as well as for learning related questions. This email address is: homelearning@grade-ruan.cornwall.sch.uk. Please put your child's class in the subject box and a member of our team will forward it to the relevant teacher, who will respond accordingly within 48 hours wherever possible, during term time and school hours. The 'Contact' tab at the top of our website can be used for all other enquiries.

Some children will be able to attend school settings in order to protect the key services our country needs during the Coronavirus crisis as well as to provide for the most vulnerable. Examples of these key workers include NHS staff, police and supermarket delivery drivers but we are expecting a definite list to be published tomorrow at some point. Vulnerable children include those who have a social worker and those with Education, Health and Care Plans.

We will publish more details about who this covers in due course and the arrangements for them.

Children who do not fall into these groups should remain at home with appropriate care and use the study materials provided for them.

For those of you who are in receipt of Free Schools Meals, we will share information with you about how we will ensure you still receive support in feeding your families.

I am sorry that this is short on detail and ask for your patience as we work through the government's announcement. We will provide a further update as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

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