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Dear Parent/carers

As a school we have been managing the issues surrounding the coronavirus however due to staff shortages I have serious issues as far as staffing is concerned in school. I have 5 teachers, one HLTA, 4 teaching assistants, our caretaker, a kitchen assistant and 3 lunchtime ladies absent today.

Due to this, I am closing the Reception year group as from tomorrow, until further notice. This is to ensure the wellbeing and safety of all your children. This is not a decision which has been taken lightly but I have to look after the staff's wellbeing as well as your children's.

Closing Reception year group will still enforce some classes to have a different teacher or possibly an increased class size. If you have a sibling in another year group it is a decision you will need to make as to whether they attend school.

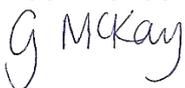
We will send out some information to help you with your child's learning and ideas for you to do at home with your children.

We will put information regarding helping your child at home on our website.

Please continue to make decisions regarding your child being in school as we fully understand if you are concerned and would rather keep your child away from school. The attendance code used for this difficult time is a special code and will not effect your child's overall attendance.

Whilst I understand this may cause you great inconvenience I hope you understand why the decision has been taken. I am aware that parents who are in the front line in the NHS or other vital services may find this particularly difficult. Please contact me to discuss to see if there are any options available to you.

Best wishes and stay safe.



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*Brunton First School – a journey for life, Come as you are and grow with us.*