23rd March, 2020
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**CORONAVIRUS: SCHOOL CLOSURE TO ALL CHILDREN**

Dear Parent/Carer,

It is with great sadness that I am informing you that **we have now made the decision to close school to all children after today, Monday, 23rd March, at 3:15pm until further notice.**

The safety and welfare of our children, staff and wider school community is our number one priority. Due to depleting staff numbers, we no longer have a sufficient number of staff in school to ensure that our safeguarding and health and safety policies and procedures can be met. We have a small number of 'key worker' children in school today, these families have been notified about our school closure decision and support has been put in place for them going forward.

Our school building will be closed from 6:00pm this evening and staff will no longer be permitted to be on site without the authorisation of the head teacher. This means that we will no longer be able to answer our school office telephone.

**Our school email account admin@stchads.derby.sch.uk will be checked** regularly by key staff but we will only respond to any queries considered an emergency.

Please can I remind you all **not to use the messenger feature on Class Dojo** to make any contact with school. Sufficient home learning has already been handed out to all families and class teachers will continue to post home learning ideas and resources via the Class Dojo app.

We will continue to keep you informed during the closure and update you with any new information about our re-opening date via text message, our Class Dojo app and the school website. For now, please can I remind you all to follow the latest government guidelines:

We very much wish you and your family continued good health. Please take good care and hopefully we will see you all very soon.

Yours faithfully,

*K.Leach*

Ms. K Leach Head teacher

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