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A PRIORY ACADEMY

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Dear parent/carer,

Last night, the Prime Minister clearly communicated that the single most important action that we can all take, in fighting coronavirus, is to stay at home in order to protect the NHS and save lives. By reducing our day-to-day contact with people, we will reduce the spread of the infection. In light of this, I would urge you once again to consider whether a member of your family can stay at home to look after your child. I also understand that for many of you this is impossible as your family has two key workers who are providing an essential service.

Throughout this entire crisis, my team have been professional and stoic. However, after yesterday's advice, I am making the difficult decision to further reduce my team to keep them safe and protect them and their families. From Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March, we will only have a skeleton staff available on the academy premises.

Therefore, if you are in a family with one key worker or you are working from home, it is now time for the member of your family, who is not a key worker, to stay at home to provide childcare. If you are able to keep your child at home, it is the safest place for them at this uncertain time.

For families with children who are entitled to free school meals, today will be the last day that you are invited into the academy to pick up a lunch box. I have been advised that this system goes against current government guidelines and my priority now is to look into other ways that we can continue to support you through the next few weeks.

Life has changed significantly for all of us following last night's announcement. At Waddington Redwood, we are committed to providing an emergency service for our community but please support us if you are able.

As always, I am so grateful for your support and your offers of help. Please stay safe and I wish you all the very best as we navigate this next phase of the pandemic.

Yours sincerely,

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