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Dear Parents and Guardians

Re: Coronavirus update – school closure

Following on from my last update, I'm writing to let you know that we have now been instructed to **close the school after this Friday 20th March 2020** until further notice with the exception to the following.

As advised by the government, we will do all we can to stay open for the children of key workers (e.g. NHS staff, police, others in frontline services) and children with certain needs.

We are waiting for the government to publish more information on what this means, but it would help us in the meantime if you could let us know if you think your child may fall into one of these categories. Please contact the school office on **01753 520018** or e-mail on office@iqra.slough.sch.uk giving your child's full name, their class and your position as a keyworker. We'll be in touch as soon as we are sure who this applies to.

All other children will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school from Monday onwards.

Please note that this is a national closure – as you may have heard in the news – so while it is a challenging situation, we are not alone. We will re-open fully as soon as we can and will let you know when this is by e-mail through ParentPay.

What we will continue doing while your child is at home

Your child's learning is of course important to us, so we'll continue to help your child to learn by:

- Providing home learning packs which will be available this Thursday (19.3.20) & Friday (20.3.20) at the end of the school day.
Key Stage 1 – Please collect from your child's class. Key Stage 2 – Please collect from the Muga
- Updating the school website every Friday with work for your child
- Contact details of Year Leaders so that parents can keep in touch via e-mail – emails are listed on the back of this letter

If your child usually receives free school meals we will also be in touch with more information about how we will continue to provide this, with support from a scheme that the government announced yesterday.

What we won't be able to go ahead with:

- Internal exams or tests including end of KS1 and KS2 SATs.

This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience with us we deal with this ever-changing situation. We understand that this latest news will have an impact on you and your family and it's far from ideal, but we'll continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops. If you want to get in touch to share any concerns, please don't hesitate to do so.

Kind Regards,
Dr Mineza Maher

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