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Dear Parents and Carers

You will have heard the Prime Minister announce tonight that all schools in England should close, except to vulnerable children and children of designated critical workers until at least the February half term.

Therefore, Saltwood CEP will not be opening as planned tomorrow. We will move quickly to provide some initial home learning to all families.

Those parents who have already identified themselves to us as critical workers may choose to send their children to school, but I would urge you not to do so unless you are unable to find alternative child care arrangements. The Prime Minister made it clear that while children are relatively safe to attend school themselves, they can act as vectors of transmission of the new variant into other households. Therefore, it is safer for us all to keep numbers in school to an absolute minimum.

Children who do attend school will be offered the same home learning curriculum as delivered to those at home. Please send them in school uniform and provide them with a packed lunch.

Given the sudden nature of this announcement, I hope you will understand we will need to plan and implement our full home learning offer. During this lockdown, we aim to provide some regular face to face contact with teachers each day which will take a little time to organise.

Once again parents and teachers find themselves having to react quickly to a dramatic change in circumstances. Your children may be upset by having their plans changed literally overnight. Please reassure them that we are all still here, and will look forward to welcoming them back as soon as circumstances improve.

Our school office will be open in the morning if you need to contact us for any reason. I will be in touch again soon with any further updates.

Best regards

Paul Newton  
**Executive Head Teacher**