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Dear Parents/ carers

The key messages from the Secretary of state for education yesterday were:

Schools will be closed after Friday except for:

Children of Keyworkers

Children who have named social workers

Children with EHCPlans.

This group of children will also be able to attend school through the Easter holiday.

Children entitled to Free School Meals will be issued with vouchers to have a meal every day the school is closed.

All exams are cancelled.

Key workers definition is yet to be released but at present is expected to include NHS staff, social workers and delivery drivers. We expect the confirmed list today.

We are currently discussing of the logistics of this as it throws up more questions than answers at the moment.

We have very few families who falling into the above categories at the moment and are currently in discussion as a local schools network to determine if we can find a Tiptree schools solution to supporting our families as well maintaining the wellbeing of our staff and their families.

If your child has an EHCP and or you fall into one of the key worker categories please let us know today if you would like child care support from a school during the coming weeks and the Easter holidays. We can then gauge as a community what provision we need to offer and begin planning for this.

We have also already communicated with parents of children in receipt of free school meals.

Don't forget to arrange for your child's PE bags and home learning packs to be collected. Please ring the school to arrange this.

Otherwise it's school as usual for the next couple of days.

I will keep you informed.

Best wishes to all

Mrs Jackie Halliday

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