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Dear Parents/Carers

Please read carefully.

Before I respond to the announcement by the Government and outline our plan I would like to say the following. The staff at our school are absolutely fantastic and I would like to publicly extend my thanks to them. We have stayed open with virtually a full complement and that is down to total dedication and professionalism. We all have family members who are vulnerable and our own personal circumstances but we have put that to one side to keep some normality for our community.

I would also like to share with you some very distressing news. Kim Neville, one of our valued staff members yesterday fell desperately ill. She remains in intensive care and I ask you to remember Kim and her family in your prayers.

Now we are in uncharted waters. The Government have announced all schools will close tomorrow and we will of course be following this advice. During our period of closure we have put the following measures in place:

The school email sthughoflincoln.admin@trafford.gov.uk will be checked at least every 24 hours and if you have safeguarding concerns or need to contact a member of staff, we can be contacted here.

There is a new page on the school website for Home Learning which can be accessed through the parent/carers page, home learning tab - <https://www.st-hughlincoln.trafford.sch.uk/parents/carers/home-learning>. Here you will find 7 weeks of activities for your children appropriate to their class. They do not need to be printed but if you do not have a device that can access the internet please let us know, as per the text yesterday. If we are closed longer than 7 weeks, these will be updated by staff.



Healthy School



It is very difficult to monitor home learning while closed – please feel free to complete these suggestions or some of your own but I implore you to work with your child and at least pray, read and complete maths as a bare minimum. Also please, where possible, play outside and make the most of family time (safely).

School is closed next week but the Government have asked provision is provided for 'Key Workers' and other vulnerable children. As I write, I await the list but I do have to stress there is no fluidity with it. If you are on the list and have no other possible childcare please contact me and we will discuss alternative provision for your child. I can only arrange alternative provision for those professions specified on the list. Please contact me before Friday at 3pm if you are in this category.

Tomorrow we will look to help those less fortunate than us. To this end the children can wear non uniform in exchange for a non-perishable food item which we will then donate to a local food bank. In addition I ask you, where possible, to look after the most vulnerable in your communities. This is a terrible and frightening time for the elderly, living alone and unable to have free movement. We have no Mass to attend at present so let us show the best of our Catholic family in other ways. **Just be kind.**

Thank you so much for your continued support, this really is a very difficult time for all of us. I will endeavour to keep in contact at least weekly. Please keep safe.

Yours sincerely

M Mountcastle