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Dear Parent / Carer

COVID 19 First Minister's Announcement Wednesday 18 March 2020 1pm

Nicola Sturgeon, First Minister of Scotland made the following announcement at 1pm on Wednesday 18 March.

"My view is that it is now inevitable that we will close schools and nurseries. My planning assumption now is that schools will close to pupils at the end of this week."

The First Minister indicated she was making this announcement to give parents as much notice as possible. The Deputy First Minister will set out a statement to Parliament tomorrow and he will address key questions parents and pupils will have, particularly, vulnerable pupils, those sitting their exams and children of "key workers". The First Minister indicated that teachers and school staff will play a vital role in the weeks to come. She also indicated that schools will re-open as soon as possible, but she could not at this time promise that they will re-open before summer.

We understand that this is an anxious and uncertain time for everyone. As soon as we have further information, we will be sharing that with you.

As a result of this announcement, we will continue our discussions with the Scottish Government regarding what services we will be providing and the roles our staff will play in that.

To allow us to plan to support those identified as "Keyworkers" by the Scottish Government, if you consider your work role to be one of the keyworker categories, we would be grateful if you could complete the questions in the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQTctawUZKa6K-6MytoIDrZ3-EIANCiBUN0tLN0IDWTFZRDK3SzFQSTFNWUNYUIk1Ri4u>

Yours sincerely



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