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Dear families of Arnett Hills JMI,

**Re: Coronavirus update - school closure to most pupils**

Following the Prime Minister's briefing yesterday, we have been instructed to close the school to almost all children after this Friday until further notice.

**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 Educational Health Care Plans.**

I was able to catch many of you in the playground this morning to ascertain who amongst you are keyworkers, and have spoken to many of you on the phone - thank you for ringing in. As a result, we are getting a clearer picture of the numbers of children we might expect in from Monday onwards for the two remaining weeks of the term.

**PLEASE OBSERVE THE GOVERNMENT DIRECTIVE - All other children will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school from Monday onwards. As yet, we do not know the situation after the Easter holidays.**

**What we'll continue doing while your child is at home**

Families and pupils can find a suggested timetable and work set for each year group in a class resource folder on the school's website [www.arnetthills.herts.sch.uk](http://www.arnetthills.herts.sch.uk) under the tab 'Children,' drop down menu 'Out of school work' then Year groups are on the right hand side

Anything that you can complete from the year group folder would be constructive for your child/children. Please self-mark any questions set.

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

- Any planned school trips
- Breakfast or after-school clubs
- Events - such as our music week

**Lunch arrangements**

If your child usually receives free school meals, the Government is to launch a voucher scheme. Any information we receive about this will be sent by Parentmail to you.

For those children at school - Mrs Morgan and her team will be providing a revised lunch menu. Due to potential difficulties with deliveries, there will be one weekly menu which will be repeated (mostly) each week. For example, Mrs Morgan will try to ensure chicken pie is on the menu during the second week as it is very popular amongst the children and staff.

**There will be a red and a green option only.**

Monday Red = Korma chicken and rice	Green = Cheese pinwheels
Tuesday Red = Beef burger	Green = Creamy vegetable pie
Wednesday Red = Roast chicken dinner	Green = Vegetarian sausages
Thursday Red = Beef lasagne	Green = Quorn patty
Friday Red = Fish fillet	Green = Cheese & tomato pizza

Please email your choices to [head@arnetthills.herts.sch.uk](mailto:head@arnetthills.herts.sch.uk) or leave a message on the answerphone and I will ensure Mrs Elliott and Mrs Morgan get them. If you forget, please do not worry, I will make sure your child chooses a meal on the day. Your child can bring in a packed lunch if you prefer.

This is as much as we know right now, and we appreciate your continued patience with as 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.

There will, of course, be changes in circumstances for some families and staff members and we will all need to be flexible.

**Please keep in touch with us in the following ways:**

**Phone 01923 720507 and Email: [head@arnetthills.herts.sch.uk](mailto:head@arnetthills.herts.sch.uk)**

**We will keep you updated in the following ways:**

**Parentmail and Postings on the school website**

We will re-open fully as soon as we can but will only be able to do so following national guidelines.

**Take care of yourselves - we will be thinking of you all**

Warmest wishes from Miss Ali and the entire team at Arnett Hills JMI