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Dear Parent/Carer

Coronavirus update: closure Wednesday to Friday

Ickburgh School will be closed on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday this week to allow for a deep and intensive clean. We understand that this temporary closure will leave families with lots of challenges but we have decided this measure is essential to reduce the risk of infection. We continue to have no confirmed cases of coronavirus amongst pupils or staff members.

We are making plans to remain open Wednesday to Friday **to pupils of parents/carers who are 'keyworkers'** where their son/daughter can't be looked after at home. We think we have identified all pupils whose parents/carers are in this category, but if we have not spoken to you please get in touch asap. The list of keyworkers, as defined by the government, is on the following page.

Finally, the government advice published yesterday is that all pupils should remain at home "if they can safely have their needs met at home. Many children and young people with EHC plans can safely remain at home." We will be speaking to each of you over the coming week about whether the risk is greater to your child to come to school or stay at home. Please be prepared to have this conversation with a member of our team.

Yours, with best wishes

Joe Sieber
Headteacher

Health and social care

This includes but is not limited to doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff including volunteers; the support and specialist staff required to maintain the UK's health and social care sector; those working as part of the health and social care supply chain, including producers and distributors of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment.

Education and childcare

This includes childcare, support and teaching staff, social workers and those specialist education professionals who must remain active during the COVID-19 response to deliver this approach.

Key public services

This includes those essential to the running of the justice system, religious staff, charities and workers delivering key frontline services, those responsible for the management of the deceased, and journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting.

Local and national government

This only includes those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of the COVID-19 response, or delivering essential public services, such as the payment of benefits, including in government agencies and arms length bodies.

Food and other necessary goods

This includes those involved in food production, processing, distribution, sale and delivery, as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (for example hygienic and veterinary medicines).

Public safety and national security

This includes police and support staff, Ministry of Defence civilians, contractor and armed forces personnel (those critical to the delivery of key defence and national security outputs and essential to the response to the COVID-19 pandemic), fire and rescue service employees (including support staff), National Crime Agency staff, those maintaining border security, prison and probation staff and other national security roles, including those overseas.

Transport

This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the COVID-19 response, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass.

Utilities, communication and financial services

This includes staff needed for essential financial services provision (including but not limited to workers in banks, building societies and financial market infrastructure), the oil, gas, electricity and water sectors (including sewerage), information technology and data infrastructure sector and primary industry supplies to continue during the COVID-19 response, as well as key staff working in the civil nuclear, chemicals, telecommunications (including but not limited to network operations, field engineering, call centre staff, IT and data infrastructure, 999 and 111 critical services), postal services and delivery, payments providers and waste disposal sectors.