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Dear Parent / Carer,

Re: School Closure Update (0143-19NLI)

As you are aware, we find ourselves in a situation that is developing and changing on a daily basis. For example, this morning we did not know how many children would be joining us. Our latest figures show, across the three schools, we have 60 pupils in attendance out of the circa 2100 trust pupils.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for adhering to Government guidance and keeping your children home and safe wherever possible.

The Government has further requested that we open our doors during the Easter holidays between **Monday 6th - Thursday 9th April 2020** and **Tuesday 14th - Friday 17th April 2020**. This is to allow the children of key workers access to childcare. We have taken the decision to open The Rydal Academy during this period as the "Trust Designated Child Care Centre" as it is the school that it is most centrally based and therefore will provide the easiest access out of the Trust schools for parents / carers.

Please note that if you would like your child to attend The Rydal Academy during the Easter holiday, but are unable to transport them to the school directly, Longfield Academy will offer a school bus service. The school minibus will leave Longfield each morning at 9.00am, travelling to Rydal Academy and return by approximately 3.00pm.

If you would like your child to access The Rydal Academy for any of the aforementioned dates, please text the following information for the attention of Mrs Payne, to **07825 401 199**

- Child's Name
- Year Group
- Required dates in Easter Holiday
- Occupation of Key Worker(s) - for adults within the household
- Whether a Grab Bag is required for lunch
- Whether or not you require transport to/from Longfield Academy to Rydal Academy

Please note, information should be received no later than midday on **Monday 30th March 2020**.



REMINDER:

Parents / Carers are being told to keep their children at home unless absolutely necessary, as schools across the UK close to most pupils. Schools are officially shut because of the coronavirus outbreak, but children who are vulnerable or whose parents / carers are "key workers" can still attend.

IMPORTANT NEW NHS GUIDANCE:

- Any child attending school should no longer wear school uniform from Tuesday 24th March 2020. However, clothing must be appropriate sensible shoes; no cropped t-shirts; no fake nails. Clothing should be machine washable and changed daily
- Pupils should tie long hair back and remove all jewellery

Once again thank you for your support during this incredibly difficult time. Please keep checking the school website regularly for further guidance.

Yours faithfully,



Nicholas Lindsay
Head of School