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### School Updates- Important information

Dear Parent/carers

Firstly, I would like to thank you all for your support during this very difficult time. We are blessed with a wonderful community who through supporting one another will get through this.

You will have heard the Government announcement yesterday stating that 'Schools will be closed from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 and that provision will be made for children of key workers and children in vulnerable groups. This means that on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March school will be closed and this will be the case until further notice. This also means that all school trips due to take place before the Easter holidays will also be cancelled.

We will be working on who will fit the 'key workers criteria' as the Government inform us of which occupations are on the list. We will also be working on contacting the parents of our vulnerable children. As soon as we have this will be communicating the keyworker criteria and should you meet the criteria we would ask that you contact the school office before midday (12 noon) on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020 with this information. We can then plan what this provision will look like and we will contact all families who this applies to. We are also working on lunch meals for children who are entitled to a free school meal whilst school is closed and will make contact with families eligible for free school meals.

During our closure, please access learning through the school website- using the home learning tab in the newsletter and curriculum sections of the website. We will provide all children with an exercise book for their work.

Should you require family support during our closure then please call the school, if there is no answer, please call the school mobile on **07534277758** or email the admin office.

I will be writing to you all again and updating you on our plans going forward. I will also be writing to the children today to tell them what is happening and to reassure them that at Ernesford Grange we will still be thinking of them and supporting them in any way we can.

Thank you again for your help, support and kind words in these unprecedented times.

Best wishes and keep safe

Mr Taylor