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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have received advice that school must now close on Friday. This decision has been made by the Government and we will continue to follow their guidance. The priority is that we maintain the wellbeing of staff and children at this time and appreciate your support.

We are aware there are some 'tricky' matters that your children may ask about and/or be concerned about at this time. There is some useful advice on this NHS site about talking to your child:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression/talking-to-children-about-feelings/>

We will continue to communicate with you from our website and on Facebook so please look out for regular updates and messages through these systems.

We recommend that you consider provision for your children during this school closure. We understand the pressure on families at this time however we recommend that children are supervised and not out in the community.

It might be useful, in order to make this time manageable, to devise a daily timetable for your household for example:

9 – 10am	Home learning activity provided by school
10-11am	Family activity: board games, household chores etc.
11-12pm	Home learning activity provided by school
12-1pm	Lunchtime (involve your children in preparing the food?!)
1-2pm	Reading time
2-3pm	Outdoor time: play in the garden, possibly a walk if allowed.
3-4pm	Online time: educational game e.g. TTRS

We would strongly recommend against too much online activity and online gaming.

Your child will come home with a home learning book. We will be sending home work for your children to support home learning. You already have access to Times Tables Rockstars, Reading and homework tasks that were set earlier in the half term by teachers. Mr Rotherham has produced a guide to online resources that you can access and teachers will be emailing home (via the website) daily tasks for your children to complete during term time.

All the staff and Governors at NJS send you all their best wishes, this will be a difficult period for us all and we hope that our school family remains safe and well. We will see you all very soon.

Mrs Moody and Mr Boardman