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Dear Parent/Carer

Please note that such is the speed of events, some of the following might already have changed by the time you read this. As of 1pm today, this is the situation.

We intend that Abbot Beyne will be open tomorrow (Friday) to Y7, Y10, Y11 and Y13.

We will continue to manage the response to the day to day situation as it unfolds, considering the safety and wellbeing of staff and students. Should the situation change, we will inform parents and carers at the earliest opportunity through the school website and via text.

From 3pm on Friday afternoon, **Abbot Beyne will be closed to the vast majority of students until further notice.**

There are students that we still have to make plans to care for from Monday morning. These are:

- 'vulnerable students' (those with current social worker involvement or who have an Education, Health and Care Plan)
- Children of 'key workers' (at the time of writing, we don't have a definitive list of these occupations yet but we know some, such as NHS workers and Police)

We intend to confirm with you by the end of Friday if your child is in either group and, therefore, will be offered care and education during school hours from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

We will confirm plans for these groups in due course. It is likely that we will require you to complete a short online questionnaire this afternoon to enable us to plan effectively.

We appreciate that parents, carers and students will have questions regarding the news that exams will not go ahead in May and June as per the briefing from the Education Secretary.

We will share further information regarding this from all appropriate agencies as and when it is shared with us. It is important to note that this is a national concern and the DfE will be working on plans to ensure that students nationwide are not disadvantaged by this international medical crisis.

Yours sincerely

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**Headteacher**