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Dear Parents and Carers

Yesterday, Gavin Williamson – Secretary of State for Education – confirmed that no decision has been made on a timetable for re-opening schools. Schools remain closed until further notice, except for children of critical workers and our most vulnerable children. Moreover, schools will only re-open when the scientific advice indicates that it is right to do so.

Following this decision, BEST will continue to welcome those small numbers of pupils into our schools, providing the learning and pastoral care that you would expect. For the vast majority not in school, curriculum materials and learning activities will continue to be provided. Ongoing communications from individual schools will ensure that parents/carers always know what is happening.

In such uncertain and challenging times, we often see the very best of the human spirit. I am tremendously grateful to you for keeping your children safe and actively engaged in learning. Also, to staff for keeping schools open for identified groups and providing curriculum materials for those learning from home.

We share the same goal of wanting all pupils to be back enjoying their learning and our schools being fully open again. By supporting and taking care of each other, we will achieve this together.

Please stay safe and take care of each other.

Best wishes.

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