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Dear Parents and Carers

Following the government's announcement last night, I write to you directly for the third time within a week. The government has instructed all schools to close at the end of the day tomorrow, Friday 20 March. At this stage, we do not know when schools will be able to reopen. I confirm, however, that schools will be closed until **Monday 20 April** at the earliest.

We have been asked to continue as best we can for today and tomorrow. In the case of GLF Schools, a number of our schools will be closed tomorrow. Your child's Head will inform you of their plan for Friday directly.

**As part of the country's ongoing response to coronavirus, from Monday 23 March schools will only be open to provide limited basic care for the children of key workers and children who are classed as vulnerable.** Clearly, as public servants, colleagues will continue to support the government's efforts but we need to plan appropriately in the short time made available. Therefore, some of our schools will be closed tomorrow, except for the children of key workers and vulnerable children.

At the time of writing, all assessments and examinations for Years 6, 11 and 13 have been cancelled. We await further guidance as to what the contingency plans will be, especially for those students expecting to sit their GCSEs and A levels in May and June. I assure you that Heads and staff in all our schools will do all they can to support all our children and young people affected by the cancellation.

The transcript of the Secretary of State's speech in the House of Commons late yesterday afternoon can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/schools-colleges-and-early-years-settings-to-close>.

This is an unprecedented time. Thank you for your ongoing support. If you have any queries, please contact your child's school in the usual way.

Yours sincerely

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