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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing this letter to keep in touch and to continue to inform you of how we are operating currently under these most extreme of circumstances and restrictions.

This would have been the start of the summer term, but as you will be aware schools under the current restrictions are **officially 'closed'**. Despite much media speculation there is very limited sign that schools will be officially 'opened' again for the foreseeable future and when that happens it is likely to be a phased style of reopening.

That said, schools such as STFCH have remained available to offer 'meaningful' activity to a limited number of children; those from families of **essential key workers** and the **most vulnerable**, usually with social care input. Providing we have the staff available to commit to that provision. **This provision continues to be EMERGENCY CARE only for a small number of children.**

The Dept. for Education and National Government as a whole are still recommending that its number one principle which we should all follow is that: **If a child, whomever they are, can be looked after and cared for at home then that is the safest place for them to be.**

Which makes perfect sense given the fact that if we have more children, we have more staff and the harder it is to minimise risks of infection due to a higher probability of social contact. This would mean further assessment of risk and a change in who could attend and on what days based upon staffing available and space in which to operate safely within the current limitations.

On this basis we have asked staff to ensure that home learning/activity opportunities are made available to the vast majority of students who are quite rightly safer at home. ***(Please note these are not compulsory and it is understood that everyone's circumstances are very different in what can or cannot be completed)***. Pastoral staff have also been asked from Monday 20th April to make regular 'contact calls' to their groups during the periods those pastoral staff are in school.

I have attached a separate document with a number of home learning/activity ideas and suggestions and I am aware that teaching staff are using a number of means of making work available to individuals either by direct postings or via class dojo and this will continue.



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In the meantime, school receives daily updates from the DFE and Lancashire County Council about guidance going forward and acts upon that information as appropriate.

Please remember the best thing everyone can do is stay home, stay safe and follow the continued promotion of good hygiene and handwashing technique and if going out for essential travel or daily exercise follow social distancing rules.

Thank you and take care

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Shaun Jukes'.

Shaun Jukes
Headteacher