HIGHFIELD LITTLEPORT ACADEMY
An Active Learning Trust School

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Dear Parent or Carer,

I'm sure you will be aware that the Government has made the decision to close all schools from Monday. However, schools will be needed to provide a service for children of people who are deemed 'keyworkers', as well as those young people who are 'vulnerable'. We have yet to have a definition of who a 'vulnerable' pupil is, or who are deemed to be in roles that are keyworkers.

The information we are receiving is the same as you and changes regularly. The Government are now saying that in order that pupils with EHCPs are in the safest place, then this may not be in a school setting, it may be at home with family or carers in a care setting.

In both our schools today, we have asked all staff to inform us of their own circumstances and childcare arrangements. This information will enable us to decide whether we are in a position to open or not from Monday.

I am sorry not to be in a position to give you the answers you will be needing at the current time. We are working with the Trust and the Local Authority in working out plans for provision in the short and longer terms. We will share these with you when we are able to. In the meantime, please:

- Continue to check all school communications (Dojo/website) – we may need information from you at short notice in order that we can make decisions and pan our next steps
- Let us know if your situation changes, e.g. if you and your family need to self-isolate
- Keep an eye / ear out for the latest developments
- Make arrangements if we are not in a position to open on Monday, possibly for several days

Many thanks again for your patience and support in these very difficult times,

Simon Bainbridge
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