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Dear Parents/Carers

### School Closure Update

Oak Lodge School will remain closed until further notice. [Government guidance to parents](#) says that **every child who can be safely cared for at home should be**. This was reinforced by the new measures announced by the Prime Minister on 23<sup>rd</sup> March that anyone who can, **must** stay at home.

[A makaton document to help explain this to pupils is available here.](#)

We continue to provide remote support to our vulnerable children and their families, but no longer believe we can offer safe care provision for any pupils at school, given the 'social-distancing' requirement they remain 2 metres apart from each other, which will be very difficult for them to understand. **It is clearly safer that children stay at home.** We recommend the [COVID-19 resource information for schools and parents given by the National Association for Special Educational Needs \(NASEN\)](#). We are in contact with parents and carers who are known to key workers to support and advise what further help can be offered during this time.

From next week, our catering contractor is able to provide a weekly food parcel for those who qualify for free school meals, which will be home-delivered by Oak Lodge staff. If you would like free school meal support, qualify and have not already been contacted, please email [fsm@oaklodeschool.org](mailto:fsm@oaklodeschool.org)

Learning activity packs have been prepared and sent home, either with pupils or by post if the pupil was already absent. On-line learning links have been published at this link: [https://oaklodeschool.sharepoint.com/Learning\\_Resources/](https://oaklodeschool.sharepoint.com/Learning_Resources/) If you have not received a text message with the username and password for this link, please contact us by email to [info@oaklodeschool.org](mailto:info@oaklodeschool.org). We will update resources as more become available.

This continues to be a difficult and uncertain time for everyone. I hope you are all able to keep safe and healthy. [Please continue to check the school website for our latest information.](#)

With best wishes

Lynda Walker, Headteacher