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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the announcement yesterday, we will be closing our doors this afternoon for all but our most vulnerable pupils and children of key workers. Contact has been made with these families and we will be providing care for identified pupils between the hours of 8:50am and 3:15pm.

The most recent scientific advice on how to further limit the spread of COVID-19 is clear: If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.

All school events this side of the Easter holiday, including parents' evening, are regrettably put on hold. We would hope to be able to re-arrange them for a later date in the summer term.

Clarity was obtained yesterday from the local authority around pupils in receipt of free school meals. These children are able to visit the school between 12 noon and 12:30pm to collect a packed lunch but will not be able to remain in school.

The vast majority of you will be caring for your children at home. For these children, Phase 2 of our planning begins on Monday. Whilst we are going through turbulent times, we have approached this challenge with optimism and creativity. We are aiming to provide structure and distance learning for all year groups from Reception to year 6 through daily emails from class teachers. These emails will come via Teachers 2 Parents so please look out for them. At 9:30am you will receive an email outlining a maths, English and PE workout for each day. At a time when most of us will be leading very sedentary lives, we believe it vital for our pupils to get daily exercise. In addition, there will be one other subject focus per day, e.g. science on Monday, history on Tuesday and so on. For younger children, the activities will be largely practical. For older pupils, much of this distance learning will be online, although the homework resource booklet will also be used. An extended writing task will be set each Monday for submission the following Monday. Teachers will provide toolkits and resources to support the writing task. In all subjects, the amount of adult intervention required will vary according to the task and age of the child. I'll be providing more information about how you can send in your pieces of writing, who you should contact etc. in my letters next week.

Our teachers have been excited to devise new ways of teaching and learning for our pupils; much thought has gone into the process and planning. We are fortunate to have a dedicated group of teachers who put the child at the centre of all they do. In order to replicate the structure of a school day for our pupils, I will be sending out an email at 9am each morning in place of an assembly. Our aim is to encourage positive learning and studying habits in our pupils, helping to foster their love of learning, fire their curiosity and develop self-regulation. This letter is to re-assure you that out of sight is definitely not out of mind. We are here for you and your children in these troubling times



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and will do our utmost to provide continuity and love through our daily interactions with you – albeit remotely.

On behalf of all staff, I'd like to thank the pupils and parents for their recent messages of thanks and support. The community compassion shown has once again reminded me what a special place we have here at Sherington. Please remain kind and compassionate in the days and weeks ahead. Take care of yourselves and each other.

My very best wishes,

Amanda Burnell

Acting Headteacher



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