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Dear Parents and Carers

The Government made the following announcements last night regarding school closures:

- From Monday 23rd March 2020 the government has announced that all schools, colleges and early years settings will be closed to everyone except children of key workers and pupils who fall into other specified groups
- “Key workers” include NHS staff, police and delivery drivers. A full list of key worker categories will be published by the Cabinet Office today
- Children who do not fall into these groups should remain at home with appropriate care from 23rd March 2020
- Assessments or exams for this academic year will not take place and there will be no performance tables for this academic year. This includes Year 1 phonics assessment, KS1 SATS, Year 4 multiplication times check and KS2 SATS.

I will be in contact later today, as soon as the Government release the ‘key worker’ definitive list, asking you to provide us with details if you think you fall under this category.

Free school meal provision

The government has stated that it will give schools the flexibility to provide meals or vouchers to children eligible for free school meals. As soon as possible, it will be putting in a place a national voucher system. If you are in receipt of Free School Meals and believe you may need assistance with school lunches from 23rd March 2020, please contact us on admin@manland.herts.sch.uk. Please note that this does not apply to



pupils in receipt of Universal Free School meals, which all pupils in KS1 are eligible for.

Teachers are currently preparing guidance on how to support your child's education at home. We will be sending these out electronically over the next couple of days. This is a challenging time for us all; we will share new information with you as soon as it becomes available. **We would ask that you do not contact the school for individual requests unless you believe it to be urgent.**

Thank you for your ongoing support during this difficult time.

Best wishes

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Mrs Wicks

