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Dear parents and carers,

COVID-19: School closure

The government has taken the decision to close schools across England from Friday 20th March until further notice. In accordance with this, **our school will close at 3:30pm on Friday** - there will be no after school clubs on this day.

Additionally, in a speech and written statement given on Wednesday 18th March, the Secretary of State for Education, Gavin Williamson, has said: "*We will not go ahead with primary school assessments or secondary exams this summer*". Therefore, the KS1 and KS2 SATs, the Phonics Screening Check and year 4 Multiplication Times Tables Check have all been cancelled this year.

From next week, schools in England will be expected to play a new role in support of vulnerable learners and key workers. This will involve us being open for some pupils. We will directly contact the families of pupils who we expect to be in school and will also contact parents/carers about their key worker status shortly.

This is an extremely difficult situation which impacts us all, but we believe that the closure of schools is necessary to ensure the safety, health and wellbeing of everyone, and prevent further spread of the virus. The Prime Minister has advised that children should not be left with older grandparents or older relatives who may be particularly vulnerable to the Coronavirus.

Our staff have been working hard behind the scenes to devise a learning plan to ensure that your child still has the opportunity to continue their learning remotely. Please find details of our emergency education plan below:

- Home learning packs provided for each child to cover 4 weeks of learning (including the Easter holidays)
- A new innovative learning solution using 'Google Classroom' to be launched for pupils and parents in the first week back after the Easter holidays (more information to follow)
- Class teachers to contact the parents of each child by telephone twice weekly to check on academic progress and ensure pupil welfare
- Children with Special Educational Needs or more vulnerable children may be contacted more regularly by telephone with 'doorstep' visits made in some cases to offer additional support
- The parents of children entitled to Free School Meals will be provided with a time to collect a package (contactless collection) from the school each week with enough food to provide 5 days' worth of lunches for each entitled child – you will be advised of your collection slot by way of a text shortly
- A weekly communication from the Senior Leadership Team to be sent home to all parents and carers with key updates



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My thanks to all parents, carers and children for their patience and calmness during these challenging times. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the closure, please do not visit the school as most staff will be working remotely. Instead please contact admin@princessmay.hackney.sch.uk or in an emergency leave a voicemail on the usual office number of 020 7254 1589.

As soon as we have an official date to re-open, we will communicate this with you via the school website, email and text. Until then, we would like to offer our very best wishes and hope that anybody affected by this unprecedented virus makes a speedy recovery.

Yours sincerely,

Kevin Reynolds
Headteacher