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Dear Parent/Carer

Corona Virus Statement 19/3/20

Due to being unable to continue to operate without putting pupils and staff at further risk we are highly likely to close on Friday afternoon, 20 March 2020. We have made this difficult decision following further advice from the Department of Education specifically aimed at special schools;

Special schools and APs are advised to make assessment on a case by case basis of the health and safeguarding considerations of pupils on an EHCP. For some, they will be safer in an education provision. For others, they will be safer at home. The Secretary of State trusts leaders to make these decisions.

We anticipate that our staffing levels will fall massively next week as school staff are forced to look after their own children and self-isolate due to contact with Hillcrest pupils exhibiting symptoms of the coronavirus. We realise that this is a very challenging time for everyone, however, ensuring that pupils (and staff) are as safe as possible is always our first priority.

Any closure will be confirmed tomorrow, 20 March 2020. We will keep parents updated via our website and text message and will endeavour to open when it is safe to do so.

On behalf of all the staff of Hillcrest School we wish you all the best of health through this extremely uncertain time and very much look forward to welcoming your children back to school in the future.

Yours sincerely

Mrs A Mead
Head Teacher