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Dear parents and carers,

Re: School Closure Update

Firstly, I need to thank all of you for your incredible support for school staff and each other in this very difficult time. Secondly, thank you to everyone who has offered their time, resources, suggestions and ideas in order to support the school community. We are most grateful for your patience and understanding regarding communications and updates. As I am sure you are aware, this is a fast-moving issue and we are doing our best to keep you up to date with new information as soon as it is available.

The most recent guidance from the Department for Education is as follows:

*As a country, we all need to do what we can to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus. That is why the government has given clear guidance on self-isolation and social distancing. And the most recent scientific advice on how to further limit the spread of COVID-19 is clear. **If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading. That is why the government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked schools to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend.***

Torridon will remain open for vulnerable children and children whose parents and carers are critical to the COVID-19 response and cannot be safely cared for at home.

Vulnerable Children

- Children who have a social worker, a child protection plan or a child in need plan.
- Looked After Children
- Young Carers
- Disabled Children
- Children with Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs)

Parents and carers whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response (critical workers)

This includes those working in the following sectors:

- Health and social care
- Education and childcare
- Key public services
- Local and national government
- Food and other necessary goods
- Public safety and national security
- Transport
- Utilities, communication and financial services

If you work within one of these sectors, you may be able to ensure your child is safely cared for at home. If this is not, school will be open for your child.

If you or your child falls into one of the categories above and you are planning to send your child in from Monday, please could you e mail the school office to let us know.

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We will continue to keep you updated via text message, e mail and the school website.

Please stay safe and well and we hope to see you very soon.

Best wishes



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