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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **School Closure – Important Information**

As you are fully aware, Mercia School will close at 3.45pm Friday 20 March until further notice.

The school remains open to vulnerable children and children of key workers (Please check the 'Update for Parents and Pupils' link on the school website for more details).

This decision has been taken on the advice of medical and scientific experts in order to manage the spread of COVID-19 and relieve pressure on the health system. These are certainly unprecedented times, please follow all the health advice to keep you and your family safe.

All children have been provided with appropriate challenging work to ensure that they continue to excel in their studies. Once the booklets provided by school have been completed, please go to the 'Update for Parents and Pupils' link on the school website and scroll to the bottom, here more work has been set. Equally, all pupils have their booklets from previous units at home already. Please encourage your child to retrieve previous knowledge; this will give them the edge in the future. We ask that you keep checking on your child to ensure they are keeping up to date with the work. Staff will be in contact throughout the closure to offer them further guidance.

Please encourage your child to follow their timetable and put in the hard work they would in school. If they should have a maths lesson, make them do an hour of maths. To ensure your child is working hard please quiz them. If pupils do not test their knowledge, research suggests they lose it from their memory. I will be monitoring Hegarty maths and will be able to see those who are doing a sterling job and those who are not doing enough work. Pupils should also be reading every day, please see the link on the website for appropriate books. Easter homework will be posted home in due course and is to be completed as normal.

It is important that pupils do not indulge in binge time on their electronic devices. Please ensure these are used in moderation as a treat for good work. Please also monitor social media use to

keep your child safe. If you have any questions or queries about the work that has been set, please contact us at [enquiries@merciaschool.com](mailto:enquiries@merciaschool.com)

The main source of information will be the school website, [merciaschool.com](http://merciaschool.com), Mr Fisher will update the website when new government announcements are made. We will give vital information about school reopening here too. Please check the website daily.

The government has asked for a 'war time effort' in tackling this public health emergency. Please follow all health advice so we can fight this pandemic together. Stay safe and look after loved ones.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Webster', written in a cursive style.

**Mr D Webster**  
**Headteacher**