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Dear Parents

As you know yesterday the announcement was made that all schools in England are to close at the end of Friday 20 March. In line with this Aldwickbury will close tomorrow at the normal time for Reception to Year 4, and at 4.30pm for Years 5 to 8. As stated in my letter yesterday, Wednesday 18 March, we will still run After School Club for those parents who need this service.

In the government statements, mention was made regarding the children of “key workers”. We are awaiting further guidance on this matter, once we receive this we will be in contact.

As we have already informed you we have established age appropriate remote learning processes designed to maintain the boys’ education for the period when we are closed. The staff continue to work hard on this aspect of our response, further details will be sent out by the end of the week. The basic concept for next week is that we will provide parents with some work and tasks that the boys can do over the course of Monday and Tuesday, with the start of the Easter Holiday moving forward to Wednesday 25 March. We will be using the start of next week for further staff in-service training although, I know, the Form Teachers and Tutors will be in touch with you and your sons before the holiday actually starts.

Due to the manner in which some boys finished the term early, some were not able to collect their possessions and work. Please be patient in this regard and we will be in touch with you to provide an opportunity for you to collect your son’s possessions.

These are challenging times for us all and we are keen to work with you to support the boys. We will be providing ideas for activities beyond the curriculum to support the wider aspects of education; we will also provide some tips and ideas to help you to help your sons. It is also worth mentioning that we are exploring ways that we may be able to maintain music and LAMDA lessons.

The senior schools are looking at the impact of the announcements regarding GCSE and A Level examinations. Over the coming weeks we will be talking to key schools about the effect of these changes on entrance tests for next term. Please rest assured that we will be working with the senior schools to ensure that the boys’ needs are at the front of the decision making process.

Whilst we understand that the government has not put a time limit on the closure of schools, we are still finalising the details of our plans for the Summer Term, including how to fit in events that have been missed this term, notably the senior production of Bugsy.

I will continue to be in touch during these coming weeks. As I have said before, these are challenging times for us all, please rest assured that we will continue to support your sons' education. If you do have any concerns or questions then please contact myself, Mr Schanschieff or Mrs Hales.

With best wishes

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'V' followed by a horizontal line and a small flourish.

Vernon Hales
Headmaster