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Dear Parents/Carers

As you will have seen over recent days, the government has made a decision to close all schools in England from Friday 20th March. However, they have outlined that schools will remain open for the children of key workers and for those that fall into vulnerable groups. If you consider yourself to be a key worker then please complete the electronic survey that was sent out yesterday, at the time of writing we are still waiting for clarification from the government around what constitutes a 'key worker', but we are trying to be supportive of our community.

Students who are not in school will be set work on Show My Homework and asked to work from home until further notice. Staff will continue to update work and provide feedback through the Show My Homework site so that students have sufficient work. We have also provided an additional guide accompanying this letter that provides alternative online learning opportunities for students that parents may wish to explore. Providing staff are well they will also be available on e-mail with the format - initiallastname@brinsworth.rotherham.sch.uk For example asmith@brinsworth.rotherham.sch.uk

For students on free school meals the government has confirmed that we will be able to provide families with vouchers for local supermarkets equitable to the value of a school lunch. We are working hard to try and source these as soon as possible and will post them out to families.

It is with great sadness that we are having to close our doors to many in our community, but we understand that this is a key element in the fight against Coronavirus.

We want to ensure that we are communicating as effectively as possible with our community and so we will continue to provide updates as to the situation via social media platforms as we get them. You can also still contact us through emails, using administration@brinsworth.rotherham.sch.uk if you do not know direct staff emails. Equally you can phone us at the academy on 01709 828383

We look forward to when we will be able to re-open to students, but until that time we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support of the academy and hope that you are able to support your loved ones effectively at this challenging time.

Yours sincerely



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