Dear Parents / Carers

As you will be aware, Coronavirus is a rapidly changing situation and we have been working with the Department for Education, Public Health England and Knowsley Council to plan for such a pandemic.

As per the Prime Minister’s announcement yesterday we have been directed to close schools for most children. We are prepared and ready to respond to this challenge.

We wish to inform you that school will close on Friday 20th March at 3:15 and remain closed until further notice. Parents should check the school website for updates which will be posted weekly. Parents will also be informed via DOJO school story.

Pupils will be provided with work through the Home Learning pages on the school website [www.ourladysprescot.com](http://www.ourladysprescot.com) . The work will be updated on a weekly basis.

As advised by the government, we will do all we can to stay open from Monday 23rd March but only for the children of key workers, vulnerable children and children with educational health and care plans. We will provide an update on this on Friday 20th March.

However, we encourage you and your children to continue to follow Public Health England advice on keeping yourselves safe.  Updated information can be found here :

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

The Local Authority informs us that children who are eligible for free school meals will have their lunches provided for them. They do not tell us where or how as yet.  Further information about this will be communicated to these families in due course.

Mr Boyle