10th May 2020

**Dear Parents,**

**Re: COVID-19 School Closure Update**

I hope that you and your families are all safe and well.

As you will know the Prime Minister gave an address to the Nation earlier on this evening. I am sure that just like myself, you have lots of questions regarding the announcements made about schools. Most importantly, how the youngest of our pupils can attend school and socially distance in a safe manner.

We are now awaiting more information from the DfE which is expected at some point tomorrow. When we have had time to study the Government guidance, I will then be able to communicate to you what our actions will be in response.

We know that there is a challenging time ahead and we will make sure our plans to re-integrate our pupils into school, put the safety of the whole school community first.

Until further details become clear, St Leonard’s will remain closed. If the Key worker or pupil eligibility criteria is changed we will contact you to start our application process again.

In the meantime I am happy for you to share with me any concerns or worries you may have at this point via my email address.

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As always your views will be taken into account as we complete our action planning process.

Once again I would like to congratulate you all on the home learning experiences you are providing for your children. Week by week we have all adapted to this new way of working and have gone from strength to strength. We will continue to do so for as long as is needed.

Take care all of you.

Mrs Stanesby