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Dear Parents

I am writing to you at a time of uncertainty and worry for all of us. Due to critical staffing levels, my Chair of Governors and I are unable to keep St George's open safely.

From Friday 3.15pm, St George's will be closed until further notice.

May I add that school closure has been necessary due to safe staff-pupil ratios.

St George's cannot remain open under Health and Safety requirements. I must keep all pupils and staff SAFE and this remains my biggest priority.

I have worked relentlessly to arrange all the necessary information to help you and your family.

A lot of our families are currently self-isolating and I am sending out a document with this email to help you and your children as much as possible.

Difficult times are facing the entire country and the world.

The information pack being sent to you all includes:

- Educational links to support your child's learning at home. This has been organised in year groups/phase groups.
- Those children receiving Free School Meals will be able to access packed lunches from the school grounds until the Easter Holidays. This process will continue after Easter and until Weymouth College Catering providers while they can still access food etc.
- For our more vulnerable pupils/families, an information page with contact numbers and Outside Agencies to support them through uncertain and difficult times ahead. In addition, a list of other support networks including food banks and Safeguarding Procedures.

In the event of a Non-Medical Emergency or query, please email the school at:

office@stgeorgesportland.dorset.sch.uk for my attention.

I will be in regular contact with the Local Authority, staff members and governors.

If I can assist you further I will endeavour to help as much as my capacity allows.

May I wish you all a safe time ahead. As much as these actions may be scary, I can assure you that as Headteacher of St George's, I have done everything I can to help all our stakeholders.

Kind Regards

Mrs J Luxon
Headteacher

Mrs L Vbranch-Wellman
Chair of Governors