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Dear Parents/Carers,

My apologies that I was not available at school yesterday. Both myself and other staff members were off work due to the symptoms we were showing. Since then I have spoken to all the absent staff and while they have had to self-isolate for 7 days, I would like to reassure you that they are ok. This is an unprecedented time and our priorities are in ensuring that all children, families and staff are kept safe and healthy and we have done this by following the latest government guidance closely.

Yesterday, Rosina Kellman led the school brilliantly to ensure that the closure was put in place smoothly. She said that all of the parents she spoke to in the playground at the end of the day were understanding and supportive and I would like to thank you for this. It is great to see the community pulling together at a challenging time. I feel really proud of the staff team getting everything prepared during the day so that the children had the necessary letters and learning for the rest of this week. I hope you have been able to access the online platforms we are using. If you are not able to access them, please email the school admin team on [admin@buckfastleigh.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@buckfastleigh.devon.sch.uk)

Since the closure yesterday, I have been in touch with the Rev Tom Benson at St Luke's Church. Should you or your family need support at this time in the form of food vouchers, he has said that school families can contact him directly even if they don't currently have a voucher. His contact details are:

- Home: 01364 644875
- Mobile: 07730575312
- Email: [tbenson09@aol.com](mailto:tbenson09@aol.com)

At present, I am expecting the school to open again on Monday 23rd March. Over the course of this week, I will be monitoring the situation closely. Should there be any changes, I will send out a message on Parent Pay, Class Dojo and the school website immediately.

Thank you again for your support and understanding.

Take care

Eddie Brown  
Headteacher