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Dear Parents, Carers and Professionals,

I am writing to let you know that, based on the scientific evidence and advice about the rapid spread of the Coronavirus, I have taken the decision that we are 'closing our borders' and are no longer allowing visitors to Lonsdale School.

This will not affect the education of the children who are students at the school. For them and the staff, attendance will continue as normal. You will understand that, by not allowing visitors to the school, we have the students' and staff's best interest at heart.

We have systems in place to support Annual Reviews scheduled for the coming weeks, and these meetings will be conducted via Conference Calls. Information about these arrangements will be sent later this afternoon for those families who have Reviews booked in the next two weeks.

If any of our students need urgent support from external services, such as wheelchair services or therapists, we will review the situation case by case. Again, I want to reassure you that no child will be put at a disadvantage by this process.

These are very difficult times for all of us and I hope these new measures reassure you that Lonsdale School is continuing to keep both children and adults safe whilst at school.

With kind regards

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