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Dear Parents

You may already be aware that on Friday 20 March there is a special scientific event happening. A total solar eclipse will occur across the far northern regions of Europe and the Arctic. In the United Kingdom between 80%-95% of the sun will be hidden from view, depending on where you are. This will mark the last total solar eclipse in Europe for over a decade.

The timings are as follows:

Start: 8.25am

Mid-eclipse: 9.31am

Eclipse ends: 10.41am

Fingers crossed for clear skies!

Within school we will be talking about the eclipse and safety (not looking directly at the sun even with sun glasses on) and we will be endeavouring to show the older children (year 3 and above) the shadow of the eclipse using a colander to 'project the image'. In addition (with all classes) we will be using the news coverage to demonstrate what is happening (in a safe manner) as the moon covers the sun.

**If you wish your children to view the eclipse with yourselves on this day, then we will close the registers at 9:50 to accommodate for late arrivals (please bring your child to the office when arriving).**

Many thanks for your co-operation.

Andrew Morris  
Head Teacher