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Dear Parents & Carers

School Closures - Friday 20th March 2020 Except for Key Workers & Vulnerable

Last night the Prime Minister and Secretary of State for Education announced that schools are to close at the end of tomorrow, Friday 20th March 2020, except for the children of key workers (as defined by the Government) and pupils deemed vulnerable (those who have an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP), have a carer or social worker). At this stage we don't know how long this closure will be for, but we are working on the assumption that it is likely to be for some time. Whilst at home, your child will continue their learning through the activities detailed on the web-site.

Schools have been asked to play a different and vital role in the national effort in tackling the coronavirus. From Monday, schools are being asked to provide care for vulnerable pupils and those whose parents or carers are key workers. The Secretary of State is clear: this is an entirely different role for schools and school staff.

From Monday, we can confirm that East Wold CE Primary School will be closed and key workers' and vulnerable children from the Spire Federation, will be able to attend North Cockerington CE Primary School. We will re-open fully at both sites as soon as we can and will let you know when this is, by email and the school website.

North Cockerington school is being used as it is more appropriate in terms of the premises suitability and staffing availability. Puddleducks in North Cockerington will be able to provide before and after school care and can be contacted on 01507 328213.

To aid our planning, please can you complete the reply slip attached by return, or by 9.30am Friday, 20th March 2020 so that we can make all the arrangements for Monday.

Teachers' emails are being uploaded on the class pages of our web-sites. Teachers will aim to respond to any queries within 48 hours, Monday to Friday. Please use this accessibility to our staff sensibly – they too are being faced with many uncertainties including childcare and health issues. Where teachers are unable to respond, a member of the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) will be in touch with you.

The SLT will remain in regular contact with parents of pupils who are considered vulnerable. (We will have been in touch with you already if this is the case.)



From 3.30pm on Friday, all school enquiries should be sent to the North Cockerington office email only – enquiries@north-cockerington.lincs.sch.uk. At this time we are uncertain about office hours and therefore whilst you may phone, we may not be able to answer. Please leave a message if you are unable to email and we will be in touch as soon as possible.

If your child usually receives free school meals, we will also be in touch with more information about how we will continue to provide this, with support from a scheme that the government has just announced.

Please bear with us through these challenging times and be assured that we are doing our very best to respond to this rapidly evolving situation in the interests of everyone in our community.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'BDhami'.

Becky Dhami
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