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Dear Parents & Carers,

School Closure Update - Coronavirus

I hope this letter finds you well and that you and your families are managing to adjust to the new way of life we find ourselves in. I would like to thank you for your support over the last few weeks. As I'm sure you appreciate, staff have been working incredibly hard to keep up to date with the ever changing government guidance and to keep the school running for the children of our key workers.

Although the number of children coming through our gates has reduced, there is still a really lovely feel to life in school. The children and staff are enjoying a range of new activities and everyone has been in good spirits.

I appreciate that many of our parents will be juggling the demands of their own work with providing support to their children. A heartfelt thank you to you all. We are on a rather steep learning curve and it will take a bit of time to find our feet. I would like to reassure you that we continue to work closely with County to make sure that we are following the latest guidance. In light of all these changes, as we deal with this national crisis, we are not able at present to send out the pupil progress updates as planned. We will be looking at developing our means of communication in order to provide you with proper progress reports in due course.

At this uncertain time, there are a couple of things I would like to draw your attention to.

Firstly, our home learning pages are clearly signposted on both the East Wold and the North Cockerington websites for those who are not in school. Our home learning pages contain lots of useful links to learning websites and each class webpage holds enough work to see the children through until the Easter Holidays. Our latest update is contained in the White Rose button/link where you can now access a daily maths lesson for your child's year group. We hope that all children can continue their learning despite the school being physically closed for the vast majority. These pages will continue to be updated in order to provide appropriate support for next term.

Secondly, I would like to highlight the need for vigilance in keeping our children safe online. It is important to be sure that any online support your child accesses comes from a reputable organisation/individual who can provide evidence that they are safe and can be trusted to have access to children. For further information or support in keeping your child/children safe online, parents and carers can access the following websites for advice:



- [Internet matters](#) - for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online
- [London Grid for Learning](#) - for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online
- [Net-aware](#) - for support for parents and carers from the NSPCC
- [Parent info](#) - for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online
- [Thinkuknow](#) - for advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) - advice for parents and carers

This information is also available on the e-safety tab in Parental Information on our websites.

Thirdly, we are working hard to organise vouchers for those children on Free School Meals. We have been in touch directly with parents who qualify for this support and will endeavour to action this as soon as we are able. Please be aware that we have unfortunately heard of some reported cases of parents and carers of children in receipt of free school meals being targeted by fraudsters, with messages such as:

"If your child is entitled to free school meals send your bank details to the school and they will help with funding while the school is closed."

The email contains links for the parents to follow if they want to receive this funding. Please do not follow these links as they are fake and this is a scam.

Please do remember, these are uncharted waters we are in and many children maybe feeling unsettled so please don't worry if things don't go as planned: play that board game, bake that cake and most importantly enjoy your time together as a family.

Thank you again for your support. We will keep in touch with further updates over the coming days and weeks.

Yours sincerely



Becky Dhami
Executive Headteacher

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WE NEED

Tinned and packet food including:

Beans
Soup
Tuna
Potatoes
Tomatoes
Meat
Vegetables
Rice
Spaghetti
Spaghetti sauce

**All food
donations
must be in
date please!**

Hygiene products:

Toilet rolls
Shampoo
Soap
Shower gel
Baby wipes
Toothpaste
Tooth brushes

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HSBC Louth
40-30-26
71449397

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