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Dear Parents & Carers

School Closure Update

I hope that you had a peaceful Easter and are staying safe.

We are guided by the Department for Education, and we would like to share our plans going forward commencing Monday 20th April.

From Monday 20th April the BBC will be offering six 20-minute programmes on air daily on BBC iPlayer and red button. This learning will cover core subjects including Maths, English and Science, with guidance from experts and teachers from across the country.

The curriculum covers years 1 to 10. Education Secretary, Gavin Williamson, has highlighted the experience of many families, saying: "As a parent, I know encouraging children to learn at home is no easy task and I am delighted that the BBC has worked with experts and exceptional teachers to create this educational package."

The content will be divided into age groups and BBC Bitesize online will publish a new Maths and English lesson for every child, every day, with more subjects to follow.

With this in mind, we are hoping to use this new curriculum as a cornerstone for our children's learning during school closure. However, as this is new (and we haven't yet seen any of the resources), we will be tuning in on Monday 20th April to look carefully at this resource. You may like to tune in too! Following this, we will provide further guidance next week.

In the meantime, we have updated our 'Home learning' page under each 'class page' on our website. This provides updated information on home learning activities that you may decide to look at. You may want to investigate these activities so you have some ideas for next week's learning in advance of the BBC programmes. We do, however, realise that you have many pressures at home at this time and we would like you to continue to use the resources flexibly. We believe that the health and well-being of our school community is of paramount importance at this time and we would like to direct you to two websites that may be able to provide you support:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/coronavirus-advice-support-children-families-parents/>

<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/directory/16/stay-safe-partnership/category/69>



If you do get a chance to have a look at our web-site, you may notice some more updates too. Under the 'Church School' tab you will see some new assemblies available, and if you scroll down to the bottom of this section, you will see 'Worship at Home' activities. Under the 'Our classes' section of the web-site, you can see a new page with a gallery of photographs of the activities undertaken by our Key Worker children. We have also created space for a gallery of photographs for home learning. We would love to share any of your learning activities on our website. Please email any photos you would like uploading on the web-site to enquiries@north-cockeington.lincs.sch.uk and state your child's name and class so that we can upload your photos on the correct website. Let us know if you are also happy for us to upload any photographs you send on our new Facebook account that we will be setting up shortly.

In order to support and enhance home learning, we will also be introducing a weekly phone call from your child's class teacher to check how your child is getting on and for which you would need to be present. This will also provide your child with an opportunity to share their great work and receive any help or support with their online learning to date.

Remember we are always here and an email to our school enquiries email address is all you need to do to get in touch. We would like to echo the Welsh Education minister who said, 'My advice to parents is, be kind to yourself and your children. These aren't normal times and I know that you will do your best to carry on providing meaningful activities to your children at this time. But please don't stress about it. Do what you can and do what is right for your children.'

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "BDhami".

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