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Dear Parents,

As you are aware, we have been instructed by the Government to close the school to most children until further notice.

I would like to thank all parents for your understanding regarding keyworkers and the provision we are able to provide. We appreciate your positive comments about how we are handling a challenging situation, and as always we are doing our best for the children and the community.

As from Monday the school will no longer run as a school but act as a place that offers provision for children of keyworkers that are critical in the fight against the virus. The Government has requested that all children stay at home unless it is absolutely necessary. We must ask that unless you have contacted the school and we have agreed that you meet the criteria set by the Government, you must keep your child at home.

Free School Meals

If your child is entitled to a Free School Meal, we will contact you separately, on Monday, explaining how we will ensure your child will continue to receive this entitlement.

Please be aware that this is not the universal free school meal that Early Years and KS1 receive.

Home Learning Packs

For the children who will stay at home, it is important that their time isn't made to be like school and they are given the opportunity to have the time and space to process what is going on. I think we all would like reassurances at the moment, but our children need this more than ever.

The home learning packs that have been sent home have been prepared with work for two weeks. We recommend those not attending school to try to do a little every day and supplement this with the online sites listed below, and on the school's website. There are many other things they can do, as well as the work provided.

If we have to remain closed after the Easter holidays, we will contact you with details of how we intend to provide additional work for your child.

If your child has not received their pack, please contact the office so that arrangements can be made to get it to you.

Free Educational Websites

We have been offered several free educational websites, and we are in the process of creating a page on our website with all these links and will keep adding more as we find them.



<https://www.science-sparks.com/science-experiments-for-kids/> - as the title says, fun experiments for the children to do at home.

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/how-make-salt-dough-recipe> - the children can make different models, shapes, words, numbers etc.

http://www.mathematicshed.com/uploads/1/2/5/7/12572836/bmbt_learn_its_tests.pdf Do a Beat It sheet once a day

<https://www.french-games.net/> - Play a French vocabulary game

<https://scratch.mit.edu/> - Download Scratch and code a game

www.twinkl.co.uk - This website has a wealth of resources for the whole curriculum.

www.phonicsplay.co.uk - This website is suitable for phonic activities.

www.oxfordowl.co.uk - This website has free ebooks for children across the primary age range and reading activities and games. It also has Read, Write, Inc. links.

www.topmarks.co.uk - This website has tablet friendly activities for all subjects and links other educational websites.

www.worldbookday.com - This website has reading resources and useful ideas for home learning.

www.cosmickids.com - This website has yoga and guided meditation/mindfulness videos to do with the children, based on stories

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize - This website has videos and activities for all ages across the curriculum.

www.artfulparent.com - This website has ideas for art activities to do at home.

If you have any websites that you think are educational and age appropriate please let us know so we can add them to the page.

Communications

If you need any information, advice or support, please do correspond with your child's class teacher via the office email, admin@northduffield.n-yorks.sch.uk. If the teacher is well enough to work, you can expect a response within 24 hours on a working day. Please do bear in mind that the teachers may have their children at home and may not be able to respond immediately.

Beamish Trip

Unfortunately, due to the school closure, the Beamish trip has been postponed. We have plans in place to re-schedule the trip once the school reopens.

Finally, I would like to again thank the whole school community for the support we are receiving in this unprecedented and uncertain times for all of us. We will keep working with you and especially the children, to do our best to ensure they can still learn and be ready to come back to school.

I hope you, your children and your family stay healthy and we look forward to welcoming you all back to North Duffield School soon.

Kind Regards

Andrew Russell
Headteacher

