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Dear Parents

I am writing to update you on the situation at Kilham Church of England Primary School. As you are aware, the government have decided that all schools are now to close for an extended period of time to help stop the spread of the coronavirus.

Following this latest guidance, we will be shutting the school from Friday 20th March. However, it has been highlighted within the information provided that this should not be classed as a holiday and that it is a closure due to exceptional circumstances and school should try to provide children with opportunities to learn at home.

As a school, we have therefore provided each child with topic-based materials to access straight away and have also put together a website page where further activities can be accessed to download or to complete online. **The website link can be found on the school website under the home learning tab, which drops down to show the "Homework for extended closure" tab.**

You will see that teachers have spent time preparing working for home tasks, you can also find weblinks and professional resource packs produced by the TTS and classroom secrets. You will notice that these resources contain the answers for the workbooks (so work can be marked) and some practical ideas to help provide some fun during the day. We realise that parents are not teachers and the techniques used may be different to the way you were taught, if you need any guidance I would recommend an internet search.

Each child has also signed out three books from the school or classroom libraries which they are being encouraged to read at home.

As the return to school date is currently undecided we have also made provision that should this closure extend for many more weeks we could provide further resources that can be picked up from the school at a future date. This information will be shared further down the line.

The government have also announced that the school will remain closed to the vast majority of children except for students who will need to have access to school because their primary carer is identified as a key worker who is required to help tackle the coronavirus. This will include parents who may be health workers, work in the NHS, social care workers or the police. To help school gather an idea of numbers please can you fill in the slip and return it to school if you feel that you may need to access this support from the school. If help is required from the school we will endeavour to provide some form of rota system with some staff providing small group cover.

The government also stated that all children across our school who receive Free School Meals will be able to access a voucher system which means that they will be able to get food for dinner time from local supermarkets in Driffield. If you wish to access this voucher system, please complete the slip or contact the school before your children leave the school so we can start to organise this new opportunity. Depending on the length of time we are away from school vouchers may be posted regularly to the family home.

Please be understanding around the uncertainty we are going through as a school, we aim to try to support you and our pupils to keep learning, while away from the school building. We will keep you updated with e-mailed newsletters (please sign up for the school newsletter to be e-mailed to you if you don't already access this service) and texts.

As the school will be nearly fully closed very few staff will be in the building to answer the phone once we shut; we will, however, be checking the school e-mail daily so if you need to contact school please use the e-mail Kilham.primary@eastriding.gov.uk and we will endeavour to reply within the day.

Please return this slip to school or call school on Friday to let us know that you will need some support.

Keyworker support

Name

I am included in the government's key worker groups (Healthcare workers, work in the NHS, social care workers, delivery drivers or the police) and would like to access some support for my children to help me keep going to work to support the fight against the coronavirus.

Free School Meal Voucher

Name

My family currently receive free school meals and would like to access the new school voucher system while the school is closed.

Thank you once again for your support at this unprecedented and challenging time.

Yours sincerely



Robert Palmer
Headteacher