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Dear Parents/Carers,

COVID-19 Update - School Closure

As stated in my previous letter dated 16 March, the spread of COVID-19 is changing daily and the school is continuing to follow Government and Local Authority advice. Our priority is to ensure this advice is followed and that parents are given consistent and accurate information. Unfortunately, as of yesterday the Government has taken the difficult decision to close all schools as from Friday 20 March. Therefore from Monday 23 March, we will be providing **Emergency Child Care Facilities for pupils of Key Workers only**. **All other children must stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school until further notice.** A separate letter will be coming out tomorrow jointly with Northway Infants detailing how this will operate for those pupils concerned. We will also be sending out another letter tomorrow explaining about the provision for Free School Meals.

In order to provide home learning for your children for the foreseeable future the following plan has been put into place with the staff:

- Teachers have access to Teachers2Parents and will be able to communicate with you via text messages. This will include such things as notification of new postings on the website and if the teacher is ill, thereby their inability to upload work on a particular day.
- Whole school tasks have been posted on the front page of our website <https://www.carrantbrook.com/>
- The Homework Help! Page on the website lists a number of online resources covering a range of subject areas

In addition to the above, teachers will, as from Monday, post onto their Year Group web page a series of activities for the children to complete on that day/during the week. These activities will be across the curriculum and age appropriate. Maths answers etc. may appear the following day in order for you to mark alongside your child and I would encourage such activities as writing a poem to be performed in front of their family.



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Please don't forget that the children should still be encouraged to read daily and complete Mathletics via their online account <https://login.mathletics.com/> using the attached Mathletics code. Also, it would be lovely if your child could create their own Easter 'Egg

Challenge' (although you may have to use plastic eggs!!) and take a photo of the finished scene for the school community to see when we return. Look on the website under EVENTS for last year's entries in order to help you get the creative juices flowing.

Finally, if you think you qualify as a 'key worker' and haven't already contacted me, please do so as soon as possible. I would like to thank you all for your understanding and support during these unprecedented times.

Kind regards

Maria Budd
Headteacher