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Dear Parents and staff

COVID-19 Emergency Planning - Full School Closure

Following the recent outbreak of the COVID-19 virus in the UK, I am writing to notify you of our planned strategies to minimise the disruption of education to our students should we be given a directive from the government to close the school.

Teaching and Learning

Teaching and learning will be maintained as far as possible via online resources, with the expectation that teaching staff will provide the necessary resources for children to continue with their learning at home.

For the initial period, the teachers will post a list of tasks for the children to complete.

Queries from parents can be sent in to the school email address which will be monitored by myself and Mrs Cudbill – spaxtonschool@educ.somerset.gov.uk

It is our expectation that all children should be reading daily. The teachers will indicate useful websites which are appropriate for each age group. We understand that Twinkl resources will be accessible for no charge, if schools are obliged to close - <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/>

Year 6 children should be working from their revision guides using the resources issued by their teachers. More detailed information will be issued as we learn more about the situation.

Further updates

The current situation is highly dynamic and as such our plan may be adapted over time according to subsequent guidance published by the Department for Education. Further communication regarding the school closure will be published on the school's website and will include links to the latest government advice. Please keep an eye on your email (including your spam/junk folders), the school website and Facebook for updates and announcements.

The Department for Education has launched a new helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

- Phone: 0800 046 8687 (Opening hours: 8am to 6pm- Monday to Friday)
- Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Meanwhile, please reinforce at home the current advice to maintain effective hygiene, both in and out of school, as follows;

- Regularly wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and hot water
- Use a tissue or cover your face if you cough or sneeze
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact with people who are unwell

Chair of Governors: Mrs S Traynor/Mr A Watson

'Those who belong to our school **protect**, **trust**, have **hope**, **persevere**, show **courage** and **rejoice**.'

(inspired by 1 Corinthians Ch 13 Vs 4-7)

We will maintain this approach as far as we are able to do so. The safety and wellbeing of our children and staff is of paramount importance and we are working hard to balance this with the need to continue education for our students.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K. M. Canham". The letters are cursive and connected, with a distinct loop for the 'K' and a long tail for the 'm'.

Mrs K Canham
Acting Headteacher