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Dear parent/carer

I hope that you had a good Easter break and that your families are all well.

Despite schools being closed, we are very much open with regard to childcare for key worker families and the continuity of learning and pastoral care of our pupils. I would like to thank you for the responses received to our recent surveys sent out. I am glad to report that the majority of responses were positive and indicate that you are happy with the way we are providing online learning for you to access at home.

Over the course of this week, we will be sending home packs of resources for your child to use to support their learning. These may include, blank books, paper and in some cases, some printed learning packs or sheets to complete. It has been lovely to see that the children are engaging with uploading their work on to the ClassDojo site. Some parents have suggested that we use video or facetime as a way of communicating with others. As you can imagine, we have to be very careful with using this method to safeguard both our pupils and staff. Live video conferencing is not advised by the Department for Education and I share these same views to protect all of those who would be involved in this. However, we could post pre-recorded videos to share.

Free school meal vouchers have been set up for those families who are entitled through the benefits related system. However, I am aware of the difficulty in retrieving these. It is a national effort and unfortunately the website keeps crashing. For those of you finding difficulty with this and need help with providing a lunch please email the office and we will seek to provide your child with an alternative method until this is resolved. Similarly, if you now find yourself in times of financial hardship due to the Covid-19 crisis it may be that you now qualify to receive a free school meal for your child, please contact the office by email for details of how to apply.



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As a result of the crisis, we are operating on a reduced workforce here at Northchapel, but I just wanted to add that we will be writing to the parents of the new intake of pupils for September 2020 very shortly and when we can be more certain of things, we will provide details of a transition for both the new intake and year 6 pupils who are due to move on to secondary school.

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