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Dear Parents and Carers,

A big thank you to everyone for all your support over the last two weeks. I know staff have enjoyed receiving messages, work and pictures from many of you. It has been lovely to be able to see many of the children enjoying their time at home in the photographs that we have received and so lovely to be able to keep in touch with our school family!

Easter Contact

We would like to inform you that both Danby School and Egton School will continue to be closed throughout the Easter holidays as normal and teaching staff will not be monitoring their work emails during that time.

However, as we said previously, if you are a critical key worker and your shift pattern or rota urgently changes, please use the admin email address which will be checked daily throughout the holiday. I will be in touch as soon as possible to help you with childcare arrangements during this period.

Distance Learning Packages

Our next home-learning package will be released at the start of next term, week beginning 20th April. We are currently assuming, as I'm sure you are, that we will not be returning to school after Easter for the new term. The plans will be weekly thereafter.

Mental Health Resources

The Child Health Team have asked us to share with you some parent/child friendly resources which may help parents/carers to safeguard children's emotional and mental health during the Covid-19 crisis.

Below are three links from reputable, evidence based agencies. On these sites there are hyperlinks to various activities which cover difficult conversations, how to talk to a child about Corona Virus, mindfulness, maintaining happiness, managing worry/anxiety.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/your-feelings/anxiety-stress-panic/worries-about-the-world/coronavirus/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/51896156>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/childrens-mental-health/depression-anxiety-mental-health/>

Easter Competitions

We are going to run some Eggciting Easter themed competitions over the Easter holidays for the children, although the prize giving may have to wait a while! All three competitions are open to all children and entries can be submitted in photographic form through email to admin@danby.n-yorks.sch.uk or via our facebook page.

1. A piece of Easter Art and Craft – this may be a picture, painting, collage, model etc.
2. A decorated egg
3. An Easter Garden

Good luck, we look forward to seeing your entries!

Holy Week

As we head in to Holy week, I would like to bring your attention to a lovely home-learning resource which has been provided by the Diocese of York. There are a range of thought-provoking child-friendly activities for every day next week if you would like to use them. This resource has been attached to the email but you can also find it through this link:

<https://dioceseofyork.org.uk/schools-and-youth/children-young-people-churches/resources-and-information/resources-for-covid-19-isolation/>

Lastly we wish you all a very Happy Easter, and hope that you continue to enjoy some family time together and stay safe and well.

Best wishes,

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Headteacher