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Extension of School Closure

Following a review of Antigua and Barbuda's plans to protect citizens and residents from the spread of COVID-19, the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology is extending school closure for the next three weeks.

Informed by the evolving COVID-19 contingencies, public and private schools along with all other educational institutions are tentatively scheduled to re-open on 20th April, 2020.

Teachers will continue to facilitate learning remotely.

National School Meals Programme will continue to ensure that the most economically vulnerable students receive meals.

Out of Classroom Platforms and Support

In addition to other platforms already in use in schools, the following are suggested educational platforms and are eligible for supplemental funding from the Ministry of Education for schoolwide subscriptions:

1. Google Classroom - <https://classroom.google.com/u/0/h>
2. IXL Personalized Learning - www.ixl.com
3. Moodle - <https://moodle.org>
4. Schoology - <https://www.schoology.com>
5. Edmodo - <https://go.edmodo.com/teachers/>
6. Sakai - <https://www.sakailms.org>
7. Showbie - <https://www.showbie.com>
8. Castle Learning - <https://www.castlelearning.com>
9. iTunes U - <https://www.apple.com/education/>
10. Canvas - <https://www.instructure.com/canvas/?newhome=canvas>
11. Pearson - <https://www.pearsonschool.com>

PARENTS

As we continue to transition through this difficult time of COVID-19 pandemic, we strongly advise that you continue to rigorously manage the whereabouts of your children during this period and insist that they avoid gatherings of more than 4-5 persons. Stay informed:

National Association of School Psychologist - <https://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources-and-podcasts/school-climate-safety-and-crisis/health-crisis-resources>

- Responding to COVID-19 - <https://openwho.org/channels/covid-19>
- Center for Disease Control and Prevention - <https://www.cdc.gov>
- Preparing for COVID-19 School Closures - <https://hbr.org/2020/03/how-working-parents-can-prepare-for-coronavirus-closures>

The Ministry of Education, Science & Technology wish all citizens good health. We encourage everyone to implement protective measures to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all, particularly the most vulnerable.