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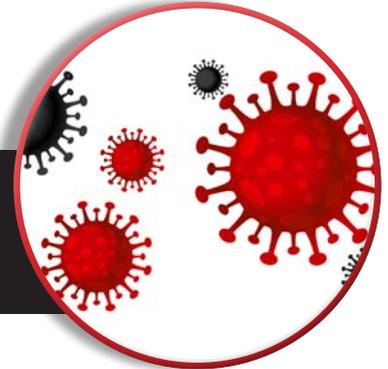
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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ) BY PARENTS



1. What should my child have received when school closed for Easter break?

a. Schools prepared learning resource packages for students. The packages included review material with suggested topics, activities and worksheets to be completed during the Easter break.



2. What am I supposed to do with the learning resource packages?

a. Parents are expected to ensure that children work on the packets and to help children in completing the assigned work in the packages. We also encourage you to visit the Ministry of Education website (www.education.gov.kn) for additional learning resource materials.



3. When is the work in the learning resource packages suppose to be done?

a. Parents and guardians should ensure children make use of the learning packages during the Easter break period.



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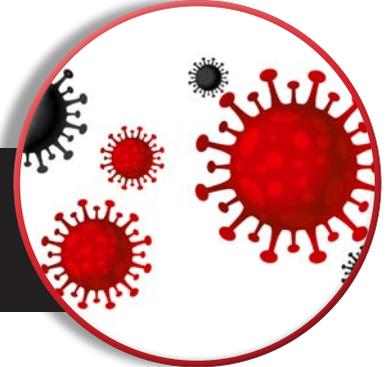
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4. If my child finishes the material, what am I to do next?

a. We encourage parents and guardians to ensure that children spend a part of each day engaged in learning activities. Guide your child / ward to view educational programmes on television and use educational websites. You can also learn about online learning platforms that have been approved and recommended by the Ministry of Education on our website at: www.education.gov.kn



5. Will my child need to bring in their work when they return to school?

a. Learning resources packages provided to students were intended to support review of subject content learned in school during Term Two. Students are asked to bring the work completed over the break when they return to school. This will support the review process which occurs at the start of each school term and allow teachers to help students quickly return to learning in the classroom.



6. When will schools reopen?

a. At this time, schools are on Easter Break. The opening of schools will be guided by the decisions of the Government of St. Kitts & Nevis acting on the recommendation of the National COVID-19 Task Force regarding social distancing. As long as the Government of St. Kitts & Nevis has mandated that children's movements are restricted and learning institutions are to be kept closed, then all schools and educational institutions within the Federation will be required to comply.



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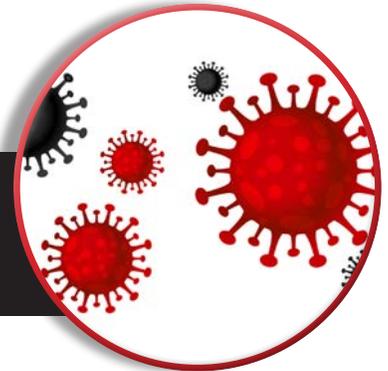
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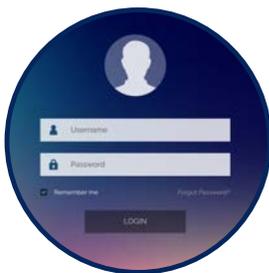
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7. Who should I call or reach out to for assistance in the event that schools remain closed after Easter Break?

- a. Parents and guardians can reach out to schools for further guidance through each school's principal. Parents can also engage the Ministry of Education on its website (www.education.gov.kn) through the portal Education Conversation which allows parents to submit suggestions and recommendations to the Ministry.
- b. Additional updates on the Ministry of Education response to COVID - 19 will be provided through our website (www.education.gov.kn) or the Ministry of Education - Nevis Facebook page and will also be aired on the Visitor Channel and Nevis Television 8.



8. How will the Ministry of Education support students' learning should the closure of schools extended beyond the Easter break?

- a. The Ministry of Education in St. Kitts and Nevis has made arrangements for students in the Federation to use the online learning platform FLOW Study. This will allow them to review subject based concepts at their own pace. All students will receive a Ministry of Education issued username and password allowing them access to the platform in due course.



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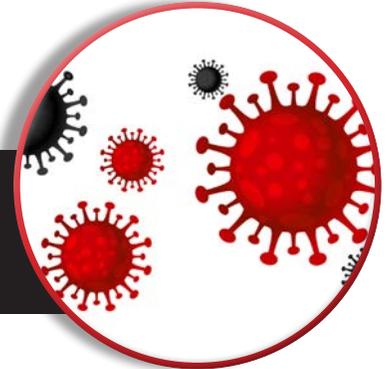
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9. What is the plan for national exams (e.g. Test of Standards, Secondary Level Common Exams)?

a. Decisions regarding national examinations will be communicated subsequently. The Ministry of Education will continue to monitor the situation in St. Kitts and Nevis and inform the public accordingly.



10. What impact will COVID-19 have on regional exams (CSEC, CAPE)?

a. The Caribbean Examinations Council (CXC), the regional body responsible for CCSLC, CSEC, CVQ and CAPE Exams, in its press release dated March 26, 2020, took the policy decision to modify the usual structure of the examinations. Additionally, the May/ June 2020 Schedule of Examinations is being revised. The proposed period to administer the revised examinations is July 2020.

b. The CXC press release can be found online at: www.cxc.org/may-june-strategy-2020/. Families are also encouraged to visit the CXC Learning Hub at www.cxc.org for access to resources that can assist students' preparation. The Ministry of Education will provide parents and guardians with further updates on the exam administration process and exam scheduling dates as CXC shares additional information.



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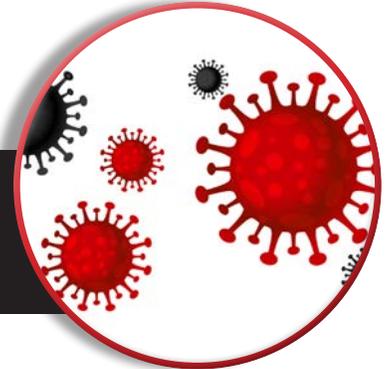
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11. Will teachers and/or schools arrange for small group instruction to support continued preparation of students for national and regional exams?

a. Teachers can only use an online platform for such a gathering. Students and teachers are to respect the order from the Ministry of National Security for no gathering of children in groups of any size in any community. Therefore, students should not gather in public for any purpose, in or out of school. We therefore encourage parents to ensure that their children take part in any online learning support activities that are organised by teachers.



12. Will schools provide online instruction to students through virtual classrooms should schools remain closed beyond the Easter break?

a. Yes. The Ministry of Education has developed a plan which will support the process of teaching and learning using virtual instruction.



13. What online platform will be used for instruction in virtual classroom environments?

a. The Ministry is currently reviewing several platforms to support virtual classroom instruction and will share the decision once the selection process is completed.



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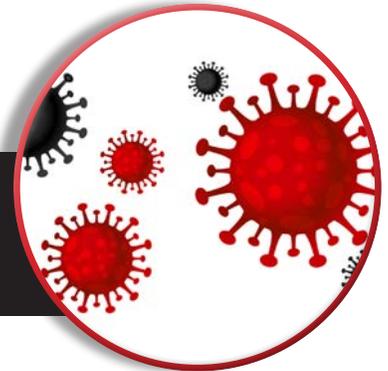
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14. How will teachers monitor students' learning and assessments using virtual education?

a. The selected online learning platform will have the capacity to connect teachers and students directly. Teachers will have the means to directly engage students, provide guidance and track students' participation (e.g. registration, attendance, completion of assignments etc.) on the platform.



15. Where can I find up to date information on the Ministry of Education response to COVID - 19?

a. The Ministry of Education website (www.education.edu.kn) and the Ministry of Education - Nevis Facebook page should be consulted for all official information regarding our response to COVID - 19.