

Remote Learning – Primary School

Dear parents and carers,

Our school will be moving to a period of teacher-led remote learning from Friday 20 August where students are encouraged to stay at home while the ACT enters a more prolonged lock down as part of our health response to COVID-19.

I would like to acknowledge the challenging time we are all facing right now and thank you for your ongoing support as we transition to another period of remote learning.

Our school will remain open for vulnerable young people who cannot work from home. Those students will access the same remote learning program as their classmates, delivered remotely by their usual classroom teacher/s. Minimal supervision only is provided to students on-site. Please be mindful that staff are working from home. Many have their own families at home, and some are working whilst in quarantine. Staff are not permitted onsite unless they are on a supervision roster. We are all abiding by ACT stay at home orders.

Our teachers have been working hard over the past week to build a range of materials for students to continue their current learning modules.

Each class will have its own tailored approach, you can expect regular check-ins and engagement with your child.

We will be loaning out Chromebook devices from our existing supply to every student from years 1-6 who needs one to assist in home learning during this period. We are also hoping have iPads available for preschool and Kindergarten for families who do not have a device their child can use.

For families may not have internet access, we will work with you to ensure free internet services are provided.

Out of School Hours Care will remain open during remote learning for children who need to attend.

For the next few weeks, the most important thing you can do is to support your child's wellbeing – they may be feeling anxious or distressed. Older children may be also feeling overwhelmed with the information they are seeing on the internet and they may need some guidance to help them find the most-appropriate information.

Keep in mind that children can express their feelings in many ways. I encourage you to speak openly with your children about what they are feeling.

If your ACT public school children and young people require extra help and assistance, our school psychologists are available to provide support through telehealth. To access the

service, a booking request may be made via an [online form](#) or by calling [6205 1559](tel:62051559) between 9:00am and 4:30pm.

We have also compiled a range of [Wellbeing Support Resources for students and families - Education \(act.gov.au\)](#) that may help you with these conversations.

We will be reaching out to you regularly via email and seesaw, to ensure you are kept up to date with any changes or new information.

In the meantime, you can find more information and stay up to date with what the ACT Education Directorate is doing, by visiting [COVID-19 school arrangements - Education \(act.gov.au\)](#) and following us on social media.

You can keep up to date with the latest health information, advice and resources on the ACT's COVID-19 website www.covid19.act.gov.au

Please contact the school if you have any concerns. Your child's teacher will be in touch with you to assist you and your child to transition to remote learning.

Regards,

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