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Supporting students who are learning at home

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Due to the impact of COVID-19 coronavirus parents may choose to keep their children at home from school or may need to isolate their family due to close contact with someone who has contracted the virus. Until we are instructed to close by the Department of Education (DoE), our school will remain open and I encourage you to send your child to continue their learning and follow normal routines.

We have increased our hygiene practices at school and are following recommendations from the DoE and NSW Health. If your child is displaying any flu like symptoms you must keep your child at home, pending doctor's approval to return to school.

If your child is at home, a list of Department of Education resources that can support your child's learning is provided below. These resources are stage appropriate and cover all Key Learning Areas. Students may need your support and guidance to complete some activities.

Some suggested online resources:

- Matific (Maths Online): <https://www.matific.com/au/en-au/home/>
- Literacy Planet: <https://app.literacyplanet.com/login>
- FUSE (Online Learning): <https://fuse.education.vic.gov.au/?SearchScope=All>
- ABC Education (resources, games, topics, articles, BTN): <https://education.abc.net.au/home#!/home>
- DoE Learning From Home Links: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/learning-from-home/teaching-and-learning-resources/other-digital-learning-resources#>
- Scholastic Learn at Home: <https://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/learnathome.html>
- Login to the student portal, to use the Premier's Reading Challenge and the school's Oliver Library system for e-books and writing book reviews: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/>

Students can also try some of these ideas and activities as listed on the DoE's fact sheet for children in primary schools -

Make or do a jigsaw puzzle

Try origami

Create an obstacle course

Bake or cook something

Learn a magic trick

Paint or draw a picture

Write a letter to your future self

Blindfolded taste test

Look at photo albums

Make a joke book

Take photos

Build a blanket fort

Plan and hold a picnic

Make your own kit

Try a new board game

Play indoor mini-golf

Play Pictionary

Play dress up

Hold a tea-party

Make a time capsule

Hold a karaoke concert!

Play hide and seek

Open a pretend store

Potato sack race with pillow cases

Choreograph a dance

Try yoga or fitness challenge

Make a shoebox diorama

Hold a paper plane contest
Create a treasure hunt
Write or recite a poem
Have a talent show

Play restaurant
Play water bottle bowling
Play life-size Noughts & crosses
Read a new book

Learn a new card game
Make or play an instrument
Build the tallest tower
Play limbo

The DoE provides recommendations for when students need to continue their learning from home. They refer to this situation as *remote learning*. I have included some suggestions taken from the remote learning information page on the DoE website -

Parent responsibilities during remote learning

Provide support for your children by:

- establishing routines and expectations
- defining a space for your child to work in
- monitoring communications from school
- beginning and ending each day with a check-in
- taking an active role in helping your children process their learning
- encouraging physical activity and/or exercise
- checking in with your child regularly to help them manage stress
- monitoring how much time your child is spending online
- keeping your children social, but set rules around their social media interactions.

Student responsibilities during remote learning

These responsibilities should be adjusted according to the age of your child:

- establishing and/or following a daily routine for learning
- identifying a safe, comfortable, quiet space in their home where they can work effectively and successfully
- completing tasks with integrity and academic honesty, doing your best work
- complying with the DoE's Student use of digital devices and online services policy.

Please contact me at school on 9817 2778 if you have any questions. As per our Attendance procedures it is important that parents notify the school if they are keeping their child home by email or phone and indicate the timeframe.

Thank you

Mrs Stanford
Principal