



REMOTE LEARNING

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DEAR PARENTS/CARERS

Due to the lockdown being extended, we are moving to remote learning until further notice. Our remote learning begins Friday 20 August 2021.

The tasks we have designed should be able to be completed independently. If you find your child requires a significant amount of your support to complete tasks, please email your child's teacher so they can find ways to further support your child or explain their tasks to them.



SHOULD MY CHILD/REN BE DOING SCHOOL WORK FROM 9AM-3PM?



Even though a normal school day is 6 hours long please remember that this time includes breaks, transitions, assemblies, PE and other activities. When learning at home, a school day will not involve 6 hours of sustained work time. It is important for children to have movement breaks between tasks.

You will have mathematics and English tasks as well as other tasks. This may include (depending on year level) our usual specialist areas of media arts, music, or sustainability, as well as other curriculum areas which in the face-to-face classroom would not all be taught daily. You should set a time limit for each task (up to 1 hour depending on the age of your child) and if your child does not complete the work in the set time, allow them to leave it and come back to it later in the week if they have time.

We highly recommend finding a structure that works for your family. This may mean free play and not starting any school work until the afternoon, or it may mean spacing work time out over the day with long breaks in between tasks.

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WHAT IF THEY ARE GETTING VERY STRESSED?

During lockdown, many people (including children) feel more anxious than usual. Mental health and wellbeing is our number one priority in this period of remote learning.

If your child is feeling overly stressed, anxious or overwhelmed, try to prioritise tasks they enjoy doing. If they are unable to complete set work because you have been focusing on wellbeing tasks, this is okay. Meditation and mindfulness activities can be very useful in these times.



WHAT WILL REMOTE LEARNING 'LOOK' LIKE IN LSUA?



How remote learning 'looks' is a little different across the school depending on the needs of the students. In the LSUA, we will release a grid with English, maths, science, health and physical education, humanities and social sciences, and the arts each week on our Google Classroom page. The grid contains 15 tasks, or 3 per school day. We also encourage students to keep a daily journal of their experiences about both home and school experiences. This allows students to reflect on their day and provide a consistent afternoon routine similar to the classroom.

HOW WILL TEACHERS ASSESS MY CHILD?

When it comes to assessing your child we use a range of strategies and work samples that help us moderate and determine how your child is tracking with their learning. When we administer these assessment tasks in the classroom, we support your child to complete their assessment according to their needs. If your child's classroom teacher sets an assessment task during online learning, we ask for you to support your child if they require it. Please indicate at the bottom of the assessment task how much support they required to complete the task.





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GOOGLE CLASSROOM



Go to [Google Classroom](#) and log in to Google under your child's student ID and password. If your child cannot remember their ID or password please email your child's teacher.

If your child's Google Classroom does not appear, [CLICK HERE](#) for a troubleshooting guide.

Attached to this email are detailed 'how to' guides which provide further clarification and support.

To make things easier to find we are going to put everything in Google Classroom under headings.

- The weekly grid will be under Weekly learning grids and uploaded each Monday morning
- Any information to help you will be under Important information and announcement
- Levelled readers that we are assigning to your child can be found under Home readers
- Stories read by the teachers just for fun are found under Reading



HOW WILL MY CHILD HAVE CONTACT WITH THEIR TEACHER?

Whole Class Google Meet
Each day there will be a whole-class Google Meet scheduled at 1:30pm. Please encourage your child to join this as it is an opportunity for them to remain connected with their teacher and peers.

Each morning there will be a check in question posted. This is similar to our question of the day in the classroom and is also used to identify students' engagement with learning for the day. If this can be done prior to 10am to assist attendance 'marking' that would be appreciated. Alternatively an email to your child's teacher If your child is not accessing the learning because they are unwell, please email your child's class teacher by 10am so they can be marked off as 'attending'.

GOOGLE MEET ACCESS

You can find your child's classroom link here [Snowpeas](#).
Google Meet codes for 1:30pm daily Google Meets:

In the group sessions, so the children can see everyone, can you please upload google grid view to the google meet. The instructions on how to do this can be found in Important information and announcements.

Please note, the group meets are not an opportunity for questions about teaching content or asking for help if students need it. Students will have one (or more) individual meet times per week where any queries can be raised. If you have any other questions, please email your classroom teacher who will respond throughout the day. We can also make additional Google Meets times at your request.



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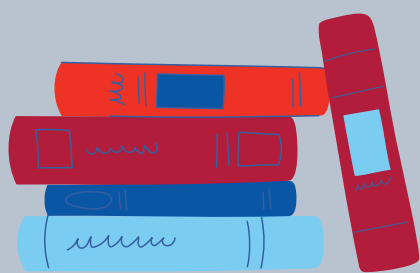
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IMPORTANCE OF ROUTINE

Routine is important for mental health and wellbeing. We encourage parents to, as much as possible, keep children going to bed at their usual time on school days. This will also help them with the transition back to face-to-face school in a few weeks time.



ACCESSING THE ONLINE LIBRARY



As access to the school and public libraries are not possible during lockdown, please remember that your child has access to the online school library called Sora. On Sora you will find both digital and audio books available to borrow for free. [CLICK HERE](#) for information about how to access this resource.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have any questions, please email your classroom teacher and I will do my best to respond to you within 24 hours.

My email is kristy.watt@ed.act.edu.au

Please contact me via email and I will respond as soon as possible.

