



# Werrington County Public School

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

We have all experienced significant changes over the last few weeks with the implementation of social isolation regulations which have required us to deliver schooling differently.

Our staff have been working hard to develop learning resources and options for students to undertake from home. The Department has developed and will continue to develop resources and offer professional learning to help teachers with this task. Whether your child is at school or at home, the aim is for all students to access the consistent learning content provided by our school. This may mean sending work home, either with physical materials or by email, or by making use of the Google Classroom.

The last two weeks of Term 1 have included revision and consolidation work provided by teachers. We are very proud of the way that everyone is adapting to the new way of schooling.

As we move into Term 2, students will be learning new content and will experience new activities provided by teachers. Students are required to access either the Google Classroom or Learning from Home pack. The preferred option is Google classroom as this will provide the optimal learning experience for students. If you have any concerns accessing technology, please contact the school for assistance.

## **Parent responsibilities during remote learning**

Provide support for your children by:

- establishing routines and expectations
- setting aside a space for your child to work in
- monitoring communications from your child's teachers
- beginning and ending each day by asking about your child's learning
- taking an active role in helping your children with their learning
- encouraging physical activity and/or exercise
- remembering that your child might be stressed or worried during this time
- monitoring how much time your child is spending online
- keeping your children social, but setting 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
- working in the safe, comfortable, quiet space in their home that has been set aside for them
- regularly monitoring digital platforms and communication to check for announcements and feedback from teachers
- completing tasks honestly and doing their best work
- doing their best to meet timelines, commitments, and due dates
- communicating with their teachers if they cannot meet deadlines or require additional support
- collaborating and supporting classmates in their learning
- complying with the department's Student use of digital devices and online services policy
- <https://policies.education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/pd-2020-0471>
- communicating with school staff as different needs arise.

At Werrington County Public School in Term 2 students will have 3 options in receiving and engaging in work at home.

1. **Google Classroom** – students join their class. Work is delivered via video and documents. Work for the day will be posted at 9:00 am each day. Students “turn in” their work daily.
2. **Take home packs** –Term 2 Week 1 work will be available from **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April**. From then on take home packs can be collected from the Friday of the week before. They can be returned on Fridays to a collection point near the front office.
3. **Email** – take home packs can be emailed to parents. This is the same as the take home packs to be printed at home. These can be scanned and returned to the class teacher via email. Contact [Kristine.beeby@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Kristine.beeby@det.nsw.edu.au) or [andre.monardo@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:andre.monardo@det.nsw.edu.au) to have the pack emailed to you.

### **Learning from Home Resource Packs**

Learning from home Resources for the term (dice, counters, 100’s charts etc.) can be collected Week 1 on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April. These are available for all students.

Resource packs can be collected at the following times to adhere to social distancing guidelines.

Kindergarten – 9 – 10 am

Year 1 - 10 – 11am

Year 2 – 11am – 12pm

Year 3 – 12pm – 1pm

Year 4 – 1pm – 2pm

Year 5 & 6 - 2pm – 3pm

If you have a number of children please come during one of their grade hours and you will be able to pick up multiple resource packs.

There is the expectation that students will complete all their assigned work to the best of their ability. If your child is experiencing difficulty or your family has circumstances that will prevent this, please contact your child’s class teacher.

### **Attendance**

All children are expected to complete learning activities set by their teacher. If work is completed as set by their teacher, students will be recorded as having completed work. For students returning hard copies of work, the time delay will be taken into account when marking the roll.

**If your child is not engaging in the learning provided by the school then you will need to contact the office to give an explanation otherwise they will be marked absent.**

### **Smiling Minds and Wellbeing**

Our school had planned to implement the Smiling Mind program next term and this will continue. You will receive further information to support both your child and your family with this mindfulness program.

Please ensure that you are looking after yourselves by;

- talking to your whole family about the infection – understanding the situation will reduce anxiety.
- exercising regularly
- encouraging your children to keep in touch with family members via phone, email or social media (where appropriate)

### **Communicating**

We will continue frequent communication with you and your family through Facebook, School e-news, emails and via phone calls. Teachers will be available throughout the day to provide feedback to students on their Google classroom however they will be responding to parent or student questions during school hours of 8:30 am – 3:30 pm. Teachers will be communicating with many families, please be patient and remind your child that they too require patience when waiting for support or feedback.

Thank you for working with us to support your child’s learning. Your assistance is much appreciated.

Werrington County Public School Staff.