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Dear Parents and Families

In an effort to keep you up to date with information as it comes across my desk, I am sending you information that relates to our school and how students will be able to learn at home.

The current situation is that schools are open but from tomorrow, parents are encouraged to keep children at home. Parents may choose whether or not to send children to school. No child will be turned away from school. In our setting many of our students are already at home due to health concerns and I support families in making this choice.

If you have not already done so, please notify the school office by email if keeping your child/ward at home - ansonst-s.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Staff are working hard to put materials together for learning at home. This may include online learning or practical activities where families don't have computer technology or the internet. Learning at Home Resource Packs will be delivered to families if you are unable to pick them up from school. Please let us know in your email to us whether you are able to pick up the Resource Pack or not. Where possible packs are being sent home today with students who have attended.

For those who will have students at home learning remotely, may I offer the following suggestions so that the students can differentiate between 'school days' and school holidays.

- Keep routines as normal as possible; same bedtime, same get-up times, log-in at 9.00 to discuss the day's activities or if you don't have the internet the teacher will be in touch by phone.
- Try to stick to the routines set by the teacher
- Keep work to hand in or report on the day's work as required by the teacher
- Complement the work routine with activities such as board games, reading, drawing, outdoor play, lego and other creative play
- Keep encouraging handwashing and cough hygiene
- Talk to other parents to gather ideas, advice, stories and solace

Teachers will make every effort to communicate as effectively as possible. They will be available during normal school hours (9:00am -3:00pm) for emailing. An email list is available on the school's website for your child's teacher.

Melanie Meers

Principal 23rd March 2020





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