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Dear Parents and Families

On this International Day of Happiness and World Down Syndrome Day, the world feels very strange at the moment. We are here to work together and stay connected – even if it is from a distance.

I want you to know about what we are organising at school so that you can start to have conversations with your child. Remember if your child is unwell please keep them at home.

The staff are working very hard to put together Learn at Home Resource Packs. If schools become non-operational, the day at home will look very different. Children will not be expected to sit at a desk for six hours a day studying and completing work, but they will need to engage in learning. Our fantastic staff are putting together interesting and engaging ideas for the students to use and for you to best support your child.

Not everyone has technology in the home (including some of our staff), so we are looking at other ways to work with you. For those that do have technology, there will be lots of programs, activities and ideas for the students to use.

Staff will be making contact with your child on a regular basis, but this is also a time to connect with your child in different ways – through games, reading, talking and playing.

This week we have had a high percentage of families decide to keep their child home for various reasons – chronic medical conditions of either the child or someone in the home, students and family members with immunosuppressed or immunocompromised systems. I fully support your decision in these challenging times.

Please connect to our Facebook site if you haven't already as this will be one way we can stay connected with you. We will also be updating the School website regularly. Make sure you have updated your contact details with the front office including phone numbers and email addresses.

Our cleaners are doing an incredible job given the circumstances and although they have not been given extra time, they are ensuring that surfaces are being cleaned daily. Staff have been asked to clear desks so that the cleaners can easily get to the surfaces that need cleaning.

Once again I thank the staff who are doing an amazing job to prepare for the time when we may be non-operational.

Kind regards

Melanie Meers
20th March 2020



Education



Connect and belong: be your best self

Be curious: explore and cultivate wisdom

Foster a growth mindset: be willing to do things differently

RESPECTFUL

RESPONSIBLE

SAFE