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Dear Parents / Carers.

Our East Maddington staff are working hard to give parents options for 'Learning at Home'. These options will not replace a classroom learning program, but may support you in providing activities for children to complete at home. These activities can be accessed through 'Connect' and your child knows how to log on to this site. Children will already be familiar with many of the online websites suggested and have specific passwords that they use at school.

The Education Department is also supporting learning at home via this website. https://www.education.wa.edu.au/learning-at-home

Parents will be given access to 'Connect' by early next week. You will then be able to see all the activities for each of your children.

For the next two weeks, only online activities will be provided. Teachers are working together in their year levels to get ready for work packages that will be sent home in Term 2. The only exception will be Kindergarten children who will receive some resource packs this week, as they have not been added to our online programs as yet.

Next term we aim to send home any stationery that your child may have left at school, their Prime Maths book and materials for Sound Waves. Other resources are also being collected. This will then make sure that those families with limited or no access to online learning will still be able to support their children's learning. In the meantime, spend time reading, writing (or drawing) a journal (diary) each day and practising basic number facts.

To make your children feel safe and secure, please consider the following:

- Establish a daily routine.
- Tell them that their teachers and their school will support them in their learning at home.
- Remind children that there is no expectation that learning from home will be the same as the learning that takes place in the classroom.
- It is not expected that your child will complete a full day of learning activities, either online or paper
- English and Mathematics activities should be given priority; however, a healthy balance of outdoor activity time and indoor learning time is important for your children's wellbeing.

We are here to support you, and understand that this situation is extremely challenging. We thank you and appreciate the support that you have already given to our school community.

As more information becomes available about the learning program in Term 2 we will forward it to you.

Please contact us at eastmaddington.ps@education.wa.edu.au or on 9459 1166 if we can be of any further assistance.

Yours sincerely

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