

Dear Parents / Carers,

I am writing to you during the school holidays to let you know about the arrangements for our school for Term 2 and what it will mean for you and your children.

These are unprecedented times and therefore, we will need to do some things differently in schools over the coming weeks, to maintain learning and to keep your children and our staff safe.

I understand this may be an uncertain and difficult period for you and your family. That is why the State Government has given parents a choice about whether their children return to school for face-to-face teaching or learn from home. It is a personal decision influenced by each family's circumstances.

To assist with your decision making, please note the following:

- Monday 27 April is a public holiday;
- **Tuesday 28 April will be a pupil free day. There will be no students at school as staff will be using this day for preparation and for you to pick up work packages if you are going to keep your child/ren at home for the first two weeks of Term 2;**
- **From Wednesday 29 April, school is open for all students whose parents/carers choose to send them;**
- Students who attend school will be taught a face-to-face program and timetable;
- For those children learning from home, this will be through online or hard copy packages provided to you from school. Details of how to undertake and return the work will accompany the packages;
- For those students who are learning from home, contact by school will be made each week by phone and/or online;
- Parents are asked to drop their child/children at the school gate, please do not enter the school grounds.

The State Government is providing \$43 million in additional funding to expand school cleaning, in line with the health advice. Cleaners will work throughout the day to ensure all high-use areas, such as benchtops, desks, doorknobs, taps and hand rails, are regularly cleaned and surfaces disinfected. Our playgrounds will be open and play equipment will be cleaned before school and after each break.

We will provide further information on how our school will manage this situation, ahead of school beginning on Wednesday 29 April.

These arrangements will be in place and reviewed ahead of Week 4 commencing 18 May. As always, State Government decisions will be based on the best health advice.

We want all families and children to feel supported and informed during this time. I thank you for your partnership as we navigate this together.

WORK PACKAGES

On **TUESDAY April 28** you are asked to come and collect your child/ren's work packages from the canteen **ONLY IF YOU ARE KEEPING YOUR CHILD HOME TO LEARN FOR THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF TERM 2.**

- Park in Ironbark Place or in the Child and Parent Centre carpark.
- ONE parent only to come onto the site. Please leave children at home supervised.
- Line up on the footpath in the hoops provided which will be 1.5m apart.
- Your name will be checked off at the entrance to the canteen.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided as you go in.
- Class packs will be on tables in order from 1-22. Collect in order.
- Collect your child/ren's packs. They are labelled with a name.
- Move around the tables as quickly as possible due to social distancing requirements.
- Exit promptly via the oval gate.
- Make sure that you take **ONLY** your child/ren's work, unless arranged by the office.
- Please keep the zip lock bag and its contents safe. **These will need to be returned to collect the next work package if learning at home continues.**

PICK UP TIMES: Family rep 1 person ONLY: youngest child's surname

- A-C 8.30-9.30am
- D-H 9.30-10.30am
- I-M 10.30-11.30
- N-R 11.30-12.30pm
- S-T 12.30-1.30pm
- U-Z 1.30-2.30pm

COMMUNICATION WHILST LEARNING AT HOME

- Your child's teacher will check in once a week via a phone call or email on Connect.
- Set up a quiet working space for your child.
- Parents and students should only email teachers between **8:00am and 5:00pm.**
- Please keep phone calls short. Teachers will have many calls to make each week!
- Other staff may also call to check how your family is going.
- Check in every day on Connect.
- Make sure that you have Skoolbag on your phone.
- All information is also on our school website <http://eastmaddingtonps.wa.edu.au/>

Thank you for your support. 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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