



Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope that you are all well and thank you for your cooperation over the last few weeks. We are missing you all!

We know that these times are challenging for families to manage. We do not expect you to replace a trained teacher! Just do the best you can and reassure your children that they will be safe and that our teachers are here to help.

East Maddington is ready for your children to continue '**Learning at Home**' in Term 2 which starts at home for students and teachers on **TUESDAY April 28**. Please remember that the holidays should be time off from school! Your child does NOT need to do school work during that time.

COMMUNICATION FOR ONLINE

- Notify the school of your email address to give you access to Connect.
- Your child's teacher will check in at least once a week via a phone call or email on Connect.
- Other staff may also call to check how your family is going eg Mr Butcher, Mrs Triscari, Mrs Eftekar.
- Your child's teacher will try their best to answer any questions within 24 hours.
- Parents and students should only email teachers between **8:00am and 5:00pm**.
- Phone calls will only be made or accepted by teachers during school hours.
- Students at home must abide by internet safety rules and NOT 'hack' into other student accounts.
- Parents, please do NOT request teachers to be Facebook friends. This is against DoE policy.
- Check in every day on Connect.
- Ask your teacher questions if you need assistance.

COMMUNICATION FOR FAMILIES WITHOUT ONLINE ACCESS

- Notify the school if you do not have the internet or a device for your child to access.
- Your child's teacher will check in at least once a week via a phone call or an email on your phone.
- Make sure that you have Skoolbag on your phone.
- All information is also on our school website. eastmaddington.ps@education.wa.edu.au

WORK SPACE

- Set aside a place in your home where your child can work best.
- This should be a quiet space without noisy distractions.
- Organise stationery and access to a device if you have one.
- Establish a daily routine.

WORK PACKAGES

- Work packages will be distributed in Week 1 next term.
- We will organise further distribution if needed.
- Packages will contain Prime Maths books and other resources.
- Class boxes with student folders of resources will be set out around the school.
- You will be given a time and place to pick up your families' packs.
- Your child's stationery may also be available.

ONLINE LEARNING

- Online learning will continue as well as paper based worked packages.
- The Education Department is also supporting learning at home via this website.

<https://www.education.wa.edu.au/learning-at-home>

CURRICULUM COVERAGE

- 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 five hours per day of learning activities, either online or paper based.
- English and Mathematics activities should be given priority.
- A balance of outdoor activity time is important for your children's wellbeing.

HEALTH AND WELL BEING

These are some links if needing advice or support.

- Beyond Blue: Looking after your mental health during the coronavirus outbreak.
- Emerging Minds: Supporting Children during the Coronavirus outbreak.
- Helping Minds: Counselling and support for family and friends.

SCHOOL CHAPLAIN

If you have a genuine need please do not hesitate to contact Gary Butcher, our School Chaplain and he will assist you to find the support and resources you need to get through this difficult time. You can contact him on his email: gary.butcher@education.wa.edu.au or if you do not have access to email please ring the school and we will get a message to him.

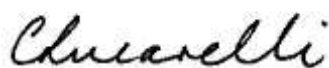
WHAT IS ON THE CONNECT PLATFORM?

- NOTICES: messages or learning tasks.
- CONTENT: resources to help you.
- LIBRARY: teaching program and resources.
- SUBMISSIONS: to send back completed work to your teacher.
- DISCUSSIONS TAB: for you to respond to your teacher or in a class discussion. This is not for students to chat to other students.
- EMAIL TAB: to ask for help from your teacher.

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.

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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