

AVELEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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COVID – 19 PARENT UPDATE

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Further to State Premiers and Chief Ministers agreeing that at this time schools will remain open through to the end of the current school term to support students whose parents choose to send their children to school, our Premier has now stated that it is parental choice to keep children at home from school in Western Australia.

The current priority for staff is to maintain focus on classroom learning programs. Teachers are not expected to provide work packages for students whose parents have chosen to keep them home without seeking medical advice, before the end of Term1.

Due to these uncertain times, and to support families who are choosing to keep their children at home, the Department of Education has compiled a range of teaching and learning activities for you to consider. These are available on the 'Learning at Home' website at https://www.education.wa.edu.au/learning-at-home.

With the understanding that families may choose to keep children at home, we have complemented the *Learning at Home* website with the informal list of suggested activities outlined below.

- Have your child read or be read to for about thirty minutes per day. Choose fiction or non-fiction books depending on interest.
- Try https://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/learnathome.html .
- Get your child to get creative, they can write or draw a story about a sea creature, purple monster or the messy cheese!
- Save all the boxes and make some amazing craft.
- Practice throwing, catching, skipping, hopping and other exercises.
- Make your own picture book with illustrations and a story.
- Visit https://au.ixl.com/ and click on Australia and do some activities.
- Visit the San Diego zoo! Enjoy the tour! <u>https://kids.sandiegozoo.org/</u>.
- Explore the surface of Mars on the Curiosity Rover. <u>https://accessmars.withgoogle.com/</u>.
- Read, play games, and hang out with Dr. Seuss https://www.seussville.com/ .
- Do some Science activities https://www.backpacksciences.com/sciencesimplified .
- Dig out the board games and play them, change the rules, challenge your family.
- Grab some playing cards and learn how to play Solitaire, Rummy and Cheat!
- Read, read, read.
- Make some kindness cards to give to your friends when you get back to school.
- Cook with a family member.
- Make an obstacle course!
- Get physical at Go Noodle! <u>https://www.gonoodle.com/</u>.
- Plant some seeds.
- Dig out the puzzles, mix them up and put them back together.
- Make your name out of recycle materials.

- Create a treasure map with clues and a map.
- Test objects that float and sink.
- Build an aeroplane launcher.
- Build a fort out of blankets, cushions and chairs.
- Make something useful out of a cardboard box.
- Make ice cubes out of different liquids, see which ones freeze the quickest.
- Invent and make a musical instrument.
- Write a diary.
- Learn some bird calls.
- Draw 20 circles and turn each one into something different.
- Learn to crochet or knit
- Make some inspirational cards.

Schools are required to make preparations for the continuity of the teaching and learning program in the event of significant disruption to student learning, including temporary school closures. Processes are currently being put in place for our school to manage this and further information will be made available to families as soon as possible.

We appreciate your time and support in these challenging times and encourage you to read the regular updates that we send out.

If you have any concerns, then please don't hesitate to contact the school on 6296 5466 or at Aveley.PS@education.wa.edu.au.

Kind regards

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