



AVELEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

An Independent Public School

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COVID-19: PARENT UPDATE (03.04.2020)

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our latest *Parent Update* for this week. We appreciate that the current crisis and associated concerns impact all members of our school community and we would like to reiterate that we are all in this together. On behalf of our school staff, we would like to say thank you to families for acknowledging the work we are doing to support students' future learning and for your ongoing messages of thanks and good wishes.

In respect to moving effectively to *Learning at Home*, we understand that there will be many bridges for us all to cross, we are focused on crossing these together with you. We appreciate that families must prioritise the health and wellbeing of your children and other family members.

All our staff have been working tirelessly to put together a range of support for families, including the online aspects of delivery and curriculum requirements. We are on track to be ready for the start of Term Two, pending advice from our Department. We appreciate that there will be an influx of communication to you in the next week and encourage you to stay in contact with us if any further clarification or support is required.

As a reminder, please be assured that families that are unable to access online content will have access to printed materials. We are currently working out the logistics around effectively managing this.

Our staff are currently putting together a number of resource packages for each child in our school. The packages will include the student's pencil case (and other stationery requirements), exercise books and some additional resources to support learning from home. We would ask you to put these packages aside until the start of next term when teachers will communicate with you (or your child) as to how these resources are to be used. Our aim is to have these ready for families to (strategically) pick up from school toward the end of next week. Watch this space.

We would like to remind families that if you are accessing additional online learning materials, please consider that year levels and starting ages vary between states.

As part of our preparations to move to online learning in Term Two, teachers are in the process of streamlining the way they share and communicate with students and parents. To ensure consistency across the school, as of Term Two, communication will be through Connect (please refer to *Connect Information for Parents* which will be sent home early next week). As such, from 3 April 2020, all other platforms previously used (Seesaw, Google Classroom, Class DoJo etc.) will become obsolete. Please email your classroom teacher directly (or contact the school) should you need any assistance before *Connect* goes live.

With so many of our children and young people engaged with schooling from home during this testing time, Colin Pettit, Commissioner for Children and Young People, is keen to collect their thoughts on how they are going.

With the aim of obtaining a substantial number of responses, The Commissioner will be able to influence others about the support children, young people, their families and later their schools require into the future based on student's voice. To that end, he has requested that we ask our families to take the opportunity to email him

<https://www.cyp.wa.gov.au/info-for-children-and-young-people/email-the-commissioner/> .

The Commissioner for Children and Young People
wants to hear from you

The coronavirus outbreak is having a big impact on the day-to-day lives of all WA children and young people.

The Commissioner Colin Pettit would like to hear about what helps you to stay positive.

Email the Commissioner

[ccyp.wa.gov.au](https://www.cyp.wa.gov.au)

There is also a range of supporting documents and information pages for children and young people and adults that they will continue to add to over the next few weeks/months. (Capturing the voices of children and young people during such a crisis is invaluable as they are often the forgotten group).

As a reminder, the State Government recognises there will be families who need to send their children to school to continue their learning prior to the end of this term, and possibly as we move into Term Two. These may include children of parents and carers who need their children to attend school to maintain employment, children who live in families with aged relatives and children where it is safer for them to be at school. Our school is here to support these families.

As much as we all would appreciate some answers, at this stage, we are still unsure of what Term Two is going to look like. The Department of Education will continue to respond as a collaborative team to advice from the WA Department of Health and provide updated advice to schools and staff as appropriate.

We acknowledge that it is a very challenging time for everyone and trust that all members of our school community are ok.

As a reminder, if you have any concerns, 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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