

Information for Parents regarding supporting children's learning from home.

With Monday's announcement by Government, we are implementing with urgency our plan to support your child's learning from home. We appreciate this is a sudden and significant change and will be heavily disruptive to many people in our community.

For all children, we will be supporting their learning from your home in the following ways:

- *through online learning...*
- *provision of a learning pack for the remainder of the week (Junior school)*
- *engaging through class sites, blogs, emails.*
- *contact with teachers via their emails.*

Your child will be looking to you for guidance about what is happening. Parents, caregivers, whānau and teachers will have a particularly important part to play in reassuring children at this time. If you haven't already done so, you may wish to read the information put together by the Ministry of Education to support your conversations with your children – [Talking to children about COVID-19](#)

As noted by the Prime Minister these restrictions are our best chance to slow the virus in New Zealand and to save lives. We all have a clear role here to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Please note school holidays are being brought forward so that they are completed within the 4-week period. Holidays will now begin from Monday 30 March to Tuesday 14 April inclusive (a reminder that the Tuesday after Easter Monday is always a closed day for schools). You may want your children to have this break from their learning as they usually would in school holidays.

At the end of the school holidays, schools will be open for distance learning but not physically open for staff to work at the schools. Please note the instruction to stay home (Alert Level 4) will continue beyond the new school holiday period but schools will be technically open for distance instruction. Teachers will be working offsite.

Supporting learning from home

Teachers have put together packs for junior school children and developed class sites for children in years 4 – 8.

Ministry has launched Learning from home and Ki te Ao Mārama, two new websites to support teachers, learners, parents and whānau so that learning for children and young people can continue.

The websites include resources for parents and whānau, teachers and leaders. Resources span the learning pathway from early learning through to senior secondary, and more resources will be added as they're developed.

The information and resources are available at <https://www.learningfromhome.govt.nz/> and <https://www.kauwhatareo.govt.nz/ki-te-ao-marama/>

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The website will help you to get through the next few days as we move to remote learning. This will help you and our teachers to get ready to support you to be working from home, and maintain wellbeing.

Over the next two to three weeks we will be working on next steps to support distance learning where it is most needed and as part of contingency planning in case the 4 week period is further extended.

We are working to establish online learning and distance learning options to support all children's ongoing learning. These will be made available by the end of the school holidays.

We will continue to communicate with you over the coming days/weeks. Thank you for your ongoing support of our school staff and school community.

Please look after yourselves, stay safe, we look forward to seeing you all back at school when things return to normal.

Our school office will be open from 9.00 – 12.00 tomorrow (Wednesday) if any parents/caregivers would like to call in to collect a junior learning pack, chrome book (years 4-8) and library books. The school will be closed after this time until further notice.