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Advice to Parents and Students: Proposed Home Learning Plan

Dear Parents and Carers

Once again, I would like to thank you all for your positive support during these most unusual times. The NSW Premier has requested all families keep children at home for the remainder of Term 1. Nowra East Public School remains open for students whose parents are engaged in essential services or who are vulnerable.

We have conducted a brief scan/survey of technology in the home - it is evident that online learning will not suit all families. So therefore, we have a mix of educational activities.

Below outlines the phases that our school will be providing for home learning activities:-

Phase 1:
One Single Work Pack was sent home on Monday 23 March 2020 and made available for collection from school office.

Phase 2
Weeks 10 & Week 11: Work Pack Envelopes available for collection from the hall on Thursday 26 March 2020.

Phase 3
Term 2**: All Classes** will be using DoJo Online to broadcast information and communicate.

> Each student has a home learning pack with learning booklets, writing exercise book and readers. Some primary classes will be using Google Classroom as their online learning tool and their login codes and passwords to the portal have been attached.

How will Nowra East Public School facilitate Home Learning?
Daily Organisation:
Home:
Students/Parents login to Class DoJo every morning for message and timetable. Students login to Class Dojo and answer daily message - attendance is marked when student responds.

- Every school morning, teachers will place a daily message with reminders and further explanation of the work assigned.
- Class Dojo will be utilised for individual contact between staff and students and/or staff and parents.
- Class DoJo will be used to send through daily timetables of work.
- Teachers will be available for contact between 8.30 am and 3:00 pm excluding break times, online staff meetings and professional learning times. They may be on a call with another family or recording a lesson, and will get back to you at their first available opportunity.

- Teachers, where possible, will connect with students via these communication platforms daily. At this point in time, the staff are providing revision work as teachers, students and parents become familiar with online home learning.
- Included in the learning pack are helpful hints and guidelines. More information can be found at https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/learning-from-home/advice-to-parents-and-carers#Key0

How can parents help?

Provide support for your children by:

- establishing routines and expectations.
- defining a space for your child to work in.
- monitoring communications from teachers.
- beginning and ending each day with a check-in.
- taking an active role in helping your children process their learning – learning at home cannot look the same as regular learning at school.
- **encouraging physical activity and/or exercise.**
- checking in with your child regularly to help them manage stress.
- monitoring how much time your child is spending online.
- have fun learning with your child!

What are our expectations of students?

- login to Class Dojo and answer teacher question (this is how attendance will be marked).
- follow a daily routine for learning as set by parent.
- regularly monitoring digital platforms and to check for announcements and feedback from teacher.
- completing tasks to their best ability.
- complying with the department's student use of digital devices and online services. https://policies.education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/pd-2020-0471?refid=285776
- have fun learning in a new way!

What is the Department of Education doing to assist with Home Learning?

- The Department's *Learning from Home* website has many resources. Parents are welcome to access these resources to assist the learning from home. https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/learning-from-home/advice-to-parents-and-carers The Department will provide updates on future developments which we will show through Google Classrooms, Class Dojo and social media platforms.

What if my child needs to come to school?

- Social distancing guidelines will be strictly applied. This means students attending school will NOT experience a regular school day. It is highly likely that outdoor spaces may need to be used for students undertaking lessons. Students will need to prepare for this – ie. dress warmly on cold days. Playground areas will be limited and students will be assigned to a particular area.
- Students must bring their own food. The canteen is closed.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we all adjust to a new era in education.

Mrs Goldthorp OAM
Principal
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