

WERRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Learning from Home Update Term 3 Weeks 2 and 3

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Good afternoon parents and carers,

This morning the Premier announced an extension of the lockdown and 'Learning from Home" in Greater Sydney for another two weeks, with level 4 restrictions in place for schools in Greater Sydney.

This means that 'Learning from Home' will continue until Friday 30th July 2021 with the school site open with minimal supervision, for the children of Essential Workers. All students will be completing the one unit of work per grade.

We thank our students, families, parents, caregivers and our community for their support and patience this week and throughout the period of 'Learning from Home', it is not easy for anyone. Most of our families have now been able to either access their stage's google classroom, download work from our Skoolbag app or pick up a work pack from the Armstein Crescent gate. If you are still having difficulties and/or need some technical assistance, please contact our school office during school hours on 02 9623 7077. This week's packs are still available to be collected from Armstein Crescent between 9.15am and 2.30pm.

Please remember and this has been reiterated by the Deputy Secretary of Education Murat Dizdar, that this is not a time for perfection. We know that 'Learning from Home' is not the same, and that many families have a number of children, as well as their parents working from home and that everyone can't be online together. It is important that your 'Learning from Home' routine is one that works for your family.

To assist us with planning we have created a short survey to assist us with preparation for the next two weeks, unfortunately these tools were not available to us last week due to service outage. If you could please complete this survey at your earliest convenience it would be greatly appreciated. https://forms.gle/LwQRS9rwVhAxegZq7

Once staff have had the opportunity to plan for the next two weeks of 'Learning from Home' we will provide further details to parents and caregivers.

The arrangements on site for the next two weeks will be the same as this week. Camp Australia and Yoorami will continue to provide out of school hours care for families who require this. The canteen will not be operating and uniforms also will not be able to be purchased. Scripture has also been cancelled. Parents and carers and other non-essential visitors to the site, are not able to enter school grounds unless to complete business at the office that cannot be conducted via phone or email. Pick up and drop off arrangements will stay the same.

All adults, including staff, onsite are required to wear a mask and sign in with the service NSW QR code. We acknowledge that some people and there are some circumstances where there are exemptions from wearing a mask. This includes some learning circumstances, for example: working with students who lip read or during phonics lessons, or where a staff member meets the eligibility requirements for an exemption, in these cases strict social distancing will be adhered to. If you meet the requirements for an exemption, please do not be offended if staff ask you for clarification.

We encourage everyone to follow the current health guidelines. If anyone is sick with flu like symptoms, you are not able to come onsite and must return a negative COVID test prior to returning to site. Please stay up to date with current health alerts and follow health advice if you have been to a location of concern.

Additional resources can be found on our school webpage – under the Learning from Home tab, The Department of Education webpage and The Department of Health's webpage.

https://werrington-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/

https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/learning-from-home/learning-at-home

https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/latest-updates.aspx

Thank you for your patience and cooperation. Kind regards, Mrs Avery Principal