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Dear Parents,

As you may be aware the NSW Premier and Department of Education has determined that schools will remain open for children with high needs as well as those of parents who are deemed to be working in the 'essential' services, including schools. If you are able to keep your child/ren at home, you are advised to do so, however, no child will be turned away from school unless they are unwell. To ensure continuity of education for our students at this time, teachers are preparing online (internet access required) and offline (paper) units of work that can be completed at home.

To support remote learning, the Department of Education has provided the following advice. We appreciate that everyone's situation is very different and encourage families to only do what they can within the limits of their accommodation and circumstances. Please do not be tempted to purchase online software programs as there are free resources available and the school will advise of these. Further information on learning remotely is available by accessing <https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/learning-from-home/school-planning#Plan2>

Setting Up a Positive Learning Environment at Home:

- Find a designated learning space in the house that your child/children can set up like their desk at school.
- It would be most beneficial for children have access to a table and a chair. If this is not possible consider using a foldable camping table, outdoor table, dining table, lap tray, etc.
- Please ensure that children have access to materials that allow them to complete their work, e.g. pencils, textas, glue, sharpener, eraser, 30cm ruler, paper/notebook, scissors and other stationary items.
- Maintain a consistent timetable with children to ensure a balanced school/home lifestyle.
- During designated learning time it is encouraged to minimise distractions, e.g. television, radio, YouTube, etc.
- Provide support to complete activities when required whether this is a parent or a sibling in high school.

Additional Activities:

1. **GoNoodle** is an online physical education website that can be accessed at home. See Good Energy at Home, which is a free online resource that provides ways for kids and families to move and learn together.

GoNoodle: Good Energy at Home offers free:

- Movement, yoga, and mindfulness videos
- Downloadable curricula activities
- Recommended off-screen home activities

2. **Storyline Online** is a web-based storybook website that has a wide variety of books read by celebrities. Stories include: Harry the Dirty Dog, I Need My Monster, Library Lion and Enemy Pie.

3. **Vooks** is online storybook platform that gives parents 1-month free access to a variety of stories.

4. **Scholastic Kids** provides activities to complete around some of the students' favourites books.

5. **Scholastic Learn At Home** provides daily online activities for students to complete. Each day children will be presented with a new and exciting activity to complete.
6. All children have access to **Reading Eggs**. This is an online reading and comprehension website.
7. **Smiling Mind** is an online meditation website that teaches breathing and mindfulness activities.

The school will advise via our school website and Facebook page, arrangements for collection of remote learning materials. Where families are in isolation, materials will be either posted or delivered to your mailbox by a member of staff this week. The school will continue to provide regular updates and advise of any changes via our Facebook Page, school website and Skool Loop.

Thank you for your continued support of Aberdeen Public School.

Kind Regards,

Corallee Kerrigan on behalf of Aberdeen Public School Staff