



Dear parents and carers

I'd like to start by thanking you for your patience and support as we have been working over the past few weeks to design a new way of delivering education to your children for term 2.

Our school has been using this time to develop resources and alternative delivery of learning for children to access their learning from home. This has been an important opportunity for us to make sure your children can continue to receive the highest quality education, no matter what the setting.

Many of you have been seeking information about how we plan to deliver learning next term. Yesterday, the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Development, Yvette Berry announced that for term 2, ACT public schools will be moving to remote learning. This means most students will undertake their learning from home.

If you can, please keep your children home.

While children will be learning remotely, we aren't asking you as parents to be teachers. You will still be part of our school community with the classmates, teachers and staff you know.

Teachers will run all classes remotely, with families able to access this flexibly while continuing to focus on their children's wellbeing and their household needs. While routines are important for children's mental health and wellbeing, there is no need for families to stick to a rigid, timetabled, 9.00am to 3.00pm school day.

All remote learning has been designed by our teachers and able to be accessed by families and students flexibly, at times that suit you. Teachers will set a range of tasks for the week that students can complete whenever best suits them and also be arranging protocols for checking in with you and your children.

If students don't have access to a device or computer at home, this will be provided, along with internet access for families who need it.

For children who cannot stay home, supervision will be provided at a small number of school sites, by the Out of School Hour Care staff. Students attending a supervised site will be supported to undertake the same remote learning program as children at home.



The Education Directorate will provide support to the Out of School Hour Care staff to ensure they can meet the needs of all students. The composition of the staff on site will vary depending on the needs of the students at each site.

These school sites will maintain hygiene practices and cleaning to support the safety of all people at these sites and practice physical distancing where possible.

Families who require a safe and supervised site for their children at the start of term 2 should register their interest. Please complete the registration form by **Friday 17 April 2020**. We will be in touch with you from Wednesday 22 April 2020 with more details.

You can access the registration form here: <https://bit.ly/actsupervisedcare>

If you are unable to complete the *Registration for supervised care* form online, or you have additional questions please call 6205 8495 and a team member will assist you.

If you intend to keep your children at home, you do not need to complete this form. In the future, if your circumstances change, the registration form will still be available for you to complete.

More information will be provided shortly about which public schools will be available as safe and supervised sites.

Whilst this is new for us all, rest assured that our teachers have the wellbeing and learning of all of our children front and centre in mind.

The Education Directorate will share more information as it becomes available.

Regards

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