

18 August 2021

Dear parents and carers,

Our school will be moving to a period of teacher-led remote learning from Friday 20 August where students are encouraged to stay at home while the ACT enters a more prolonged lock down as part of our health response to COVID-19.

Our school will remain open for vulnerable young people whose families cannot work from home. Those students will access the same remote learning program as their classmates, delivered by their usual classroom teacher/s.

I would like to acknowledge the challenging time we are all facing right now and thank you for your ongoing support as we transition to another period of remote learning.

Our teachers have been working hard over the past week to build a range of materials for students to continue their current learning modules.

Each class will have its own tailored approach, you can expect regular check-ins and engagement with your child. This will include physical resources for our younger students in Kindergarten to Year 3, including library books, and online connections through a virtual classroom for our years 4-6.

We will be loaning out Chromebook devices from our existing supply to every student from years 4, 5 and 6 who needs one to assist in home learning during this period. Please see the attached flyer (called resource pick up with information around this).

For families who may not have internet access, we will work with you to ensure free internet services are provided.

Out of School Hours Care will remain open during remote learning for children who need to attend.

For the next few weeks, the most important thing you can do is support your child's wellbeing – they may be feeling anxious or distressed. Older children may be also feeling overwhelmed with the information they are seeing on the internet and they may need some guidance to help them find the most-appropriate information.

Keep in mind that children can express their feelings in many ways. I encourage you to speak openly with your children about what they are feeling.

If your ACT public school children and young people require extra help and assistance, our school psychologists area available to provide support through telehealth. To access the service, a booking request may be made via an [online form](#) or by calling [6205 1559](tel:62051559) between 9:00am and 4:30pm.

We have also compiled a range of useful wellbeing resources for students and families that may help you with these conversations.

We will be reaching out to you regularly to ensure you are kept up to date with any changes or new information.

In the meantime, you can find more information and stay up to date with what the ACT Education Directorate is doing, by visiting [COVID-19 school arrangements - Education \(act.gov.au\)](https://www.act.gov.au/education/covid-19-school-arrangements) and following us on social media.

You can keep up to date with the latest health information, advice and resources on the ACT's COVID-19 website www.covid19.act.gov.au

Please contact the school if you have any concerns. Your child's teacher will be in touch with you to assist you and your child to transition to remote learning.

To assist parents and carers understand what remote learning might look like for their children and young people, Education Minister Yvette Berry will be hosting a Facebook live event this afternoon at 4pm Wednesday 18 August.

You can join Yvette Berry, Minister for Education and Kate McMahon from the Education Directorate for a Q&A where they will talk about what parents and students can expect in remote learning over the coming weeks. You can tune into the Facebook live here: [\(20+\) Yvette Berry | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/yvetteberry)

Regards,

Kate Flynn
Principal