

Today, the Government has announced all public schools in Western Australia will remain open until the end of term – **Thursday, 9 April 2020.** 

However, families are now encouraged to keep their children at home if they have the capacity to do so.

The Department's **Learning from Home** resources are available for parents – see link below.

https://www.education.wa.edu.au/learning-at-home

## What this means for your school is:

- Next week, Week 9 (Monday, 30 March to Friday, 3 April) all children who attend school will be taught as normal.
- The following week, **Week 10 (Monday**, **6 March to Thursday 9 April**) teachers and education assistants will prepare teaching programs for Term 2.
- During this time (6 to 9 April Week 10), students who attend school will be *supervised*.

The Government recognises there will still be families who need to send their children to school to continue their learning during this period. These may include:

- Children of parents and carers who need their children to attend school to maintain employment.
- Children who live in families with aged relatives.
- Children where it is safer for them to be at school.

More information for parents below: Mark McGowan's Press Release.

More detail will be provided about what the next few weeks will look like at AHPS. We are working through the latest updates from our Department and will implement the directions ASAP.

Our staff have been working behind the scenes in anticipation of providing online learning to our students.

We thank all of our parents and caregivers for the support and kind words in the last few weeks, it is very much appreciated. Please be assured that our wonderful AHPS staff remains dedicated and hardworking, as they always have been.

Our AHPS website will remain our main mode of mass communication. Alerts and notifications of recent updates to the AHPS website will be made through our AHPS Facebook Page. We also have our school SMS service which we will access if needed.

Please note that our school canteen will be closed as of today until further notice.

I do encourage our school community to regularly check the AHPS website for updates.

Regards,

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