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Dear families,

As we continue to work through this challenging time together, one step at a time, we would like to remind you of the announcements that have been made by the Minister for Education and the way we intend to navigate through the impact these changes have on our learning programs.

Week 10 - it is assumed that all children will be attending school where parents are unable to supervise learning at Home.

If families are choosing to access Learning at Home and haven't notified the school already, we ask that you let us know via our Skoolbag attendance e-form or texting on 0416 906 259.

As of Monday, the *library is closed before school and at lunch times, breakfast club closed, and canteen is open.*

Week 11 - the Pupil Free Days in week 11 will operate like any other Pupil Free Day. Children will either be supervised at home by their parent/carers or at OSHC.

While schools are not required to prepare any learning for your child to complete on these days, even if they are learning from home, families might like to take this opportunity to familiarise themselves with Our Learning SA.

We just want to reassure you that we are not expecting you to 'teach' your children while you continue to work, care for them and others, and love them during this unusual time in our lives. Don't worry about them falling behind academically - every single child is in this boat and they will all be okay because they have you and they'll be supported by us. When we get back to school, we will all reset, regroup (rejoice!) and meet the children where they are. Teachers are great at this! In the meantime, we'll be here to support the learning at home – your child's teachers will be working on this over the upcoming Pupil Free Days (6th – 9th April) and will be in touch with you via our usual classroom and school communication modes.

At this time, your child's emotional wellbeing, physical and mental health are more important than their academic knowledge and skills. If the first three aspects are impacted or neglected, it is neurologically impossible for new information and skills to be learnt or remembered. In the months ahead, your child may forget (or even refuse to do!) the learning activities or school work provided by our teachers for supported home learning BUT they will remember the fun new things they learn and do with you – the cuddles while reading, the measuring and counting while cooking, the gardening, the creating, the dancing, the games – and how you made them feel over this time.

Just a reminder if you haven't responded to the internet and device details for your child/ren, please do so today as we are making plans for next term. Learning on site and Learning from Home responses due this Thursday at midday.

We are here to support you and your family so please don't hesitate to contact us via email: dl.1210_info@schools.sa.edu.au or phone: 8265 0900.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Take care of yourselves.

MWS Leadership Team



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