

Lockdown Learning

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Getting the best out of the lockdown

A return to Alert Level 3 has caught many by surprise, but we have returned to systems which worked so well in 2020.

When it was announced that the country was returning to a Level 3 lockdown situation last night, we were all shocked at how rapidly the situation around COVID-19 had changed. However, at Pigeon Mountain Primary School we had been reviewing our actions from 2020 for a number of weeks in the case of such an eventuality. We re-launched our online platforms today, and began delivering learning through sites, web apps, and online face-to-face meetings. **We have 3 main goals;**

1

MAINTAINING CONNECTIONS

We want to keep our community connected and together

2

MAINTAINING ROUTINES

We want to help keep up some day to day routines and patterns

3

MAINTAINING LEARNING

We want our children to access teachers, learning and resources



Continue to keep fit and active!

Like at school, maintain daily fitness and get some fresh air!



Don't ignore creative tasks!

Don't forget activities like baking and cooking can exercise creative brains!



Learning together is fun!

This is a great time to get alongside your child and share their learning activities

A New Daily Routine For Us All

Until Wednesday 17th February at least, learning will look quite different for us all

Our transition to online learning got underway following the announcement that we would be moving into a Level 3 Lockdown last night.

We were fortunate to have established systems from last year based on our use of the Google platform. Teams have each updated their 2020 Lockdown site where learning is based- this acts like a hub for each of the classes within the team and should be the first place to visit before heading off into the class spaces, where specific learning and instructions are based. You can also access these platforms and timetables through the **Home Learning** link on our school website.

We already use a number of paid sites and apps at different year levels which are being integrated into the learning routine- things like Reading Eggs, and Basic Facts are fun ways to maintain and grow core skills and enjoy focused practice. Parents can control when these sessions take place, and the apps give mums and dads great information about progress.



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There will be some face-to-face elements to the learning too. Classes have established Google Meets or Zoom meetings as ways to touch-base with students and maintain a connection with classmates. These sessions may also be modified into teaching times with smaller groups, and there is a great deal of learning taking place for our teachers in the application of digital technologies in innovative ways!

If you have any questions around programmes or routines for your child’s online learning, contact your teacher.

EXPECTATIONS AND GUIDELINES FOR ONLINE LEARNING

There is no way that the structures we had in place before the lockdown can exist at the current time. Our routines will not be 9am to 3pm as they were, but teachers will be sharing modified timetables with some fixed items to help give families structure.

Nor will we be taking a roll-call of students! We are asking that parents support school in achieving our 3 goals by helping their children engage in some of the learning, in some of the connections, and in some of the routines. We appreciate that every family circumstance is different, and we are grateful for anything you do!

