

BRAMFIELD PARK POST

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Dear families,

As you would be well aware there are many challenges facing the whole world at the moment. For us at Bramfield Park PS, we receive regular updates from the Department of Education about the impact of the COVID-19 Coronavirus situation on our school. At this stage we have had to cancel all events, including assemblies, Playgroup, meetings, and carnivals. While this is extremely disappointing, we know it is in the best interests of keeping our whole school community healthy.

While the Department of Health advises that the risk of transmission in WA remains low, they are monitoring the situation and the Department of Education is acting on their advice to take any necessary precautions for school students and staff. While the social distancing and mass gathering measures put in place by the Federal and State governments do not apply to schools, we have been asked to review our schedule of activities.

Schools will remain open at this stage. Our students need an education; important learning time at this point of the year cannot be lost. If parents choose to keep their children at home for reasons of self-isolation under the Department of Health advice or due to the increased risk relating to children and family members who are in a higher risk category, they must be responsible for the conduct of the children. This includes adhering to social distancing arrangements that are in place. Absences will be marked as a "Reasonable" absence, however, students will not be provided with curriculum work and activities as the focus remains on classroom learning programs. At home, please encourage students to read, write and be involved in learning tasks such as cooking and outdoor activities; and be mindful of how much screen time you allow your child. If our school does have to temporarily close, work packages and online learning information will be provided.

In the event of a school closure, all communication will be through the Bramfield Park Primary School Facebook page and the FlexiBuzz app, which are easily accessible for staff who will be away from the school site. Please see information on the attached page to ensure you have access to these platforms. Links to online learning programs and resources are available through the Learning at Home tab on our website: bramfieldparkps.wa.edu.au.

The Department of education has also released curriculum resources on a public website: <https://www.education.wa.edu.au/learning-at-home>. The importance of hygienic practices and hand washing is being discussed daily with our students. Ways to protect yourself from the COVID-19 virus include frequently washing your hands with soap and water; refraining from touching your mouth and nose; if coughing or sneezing, covering your nose and mouth with a tissue or flexed elbow; disposing of the tissue after use, performing hand hygiene; and avoiding close contact with others.

People with COVID-19 may experience: fever; flu-like symptoms such as coughing, sore throat and fatigue; or shortness of breath

For more information please contact the Department of Health Information Line on 1800 020 080 or visit www.healthywa.wa.gov/coronavirus.

NAPLAN 2020

A decision was released last Friday after Education Ministers met and declared that NAPLAN will not proceed in 2020. The NAPLAN test window was scheduled from 12 to 22 May.

"The decision to not proceed with NAPLAN in 2020 has been taken to assist school leaders, teachers and support staff to focus on the wellbeing of students and continuity of education, including potential online and remote learning. Further, the impact of responses to the COVID-19 virus may affect the delivery of NAPLAN testing, including the operation of centralised marking centres and the implications for nationally comparable data if an insufficient number of students are available to do the test." As a result students in Years 3 and 5 that were to sit NAPLAN tests next term will no longer be participating in the assessments. We will now utilise other assessments to ensure student achievement is measured and academic growth for our students is as expected, in line with school and Business Plan targets.

While we all know COVID-19 is highly contagious, so is kindness, patience, love, enthusiasm and a positive attitude! Don't wait to catch it from others, be the carrier!

Take care and stay healthy,

Jayne Murray



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