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Dear Parent / Carer,

At this difficult time for everyone in NSW, it is important that you are kept up to date with the latest developments on how the NSW Department of Education is continuing to support schools, students and families. First, a big thank you to every family for your efforts to support learning from home for your children. We acknowledge the experience for every family will be different. The connection between the school, teacher, you and our students is vital to ensure that everyone feels supported. Even in a learning from home environment these connections can have a profound impact on the learning that continues to take place.

The department is working very closely with NSW Health as the restrictions and the stay at home orders change. The clear messaging from Health, at this current time, is that families should be keeping children at home unless it is absolutely necessary they need to attend school.

### **Staying up to date**

There are regular meetings between the department, NSW Health, the Government and a range of other agencies. The department has been advocating strongly for staff and students to have access to vaccinations, to seek clear information on how we can help to keep our communities safe and up to date with relevant information.

The department's [COVID-19 page](#) is constantly being updated, and outlines the restrictions in our schools as well as other useful information and resources to keep you up to date and supported.

### **Learning from Home**

All schools across NSW are now implementing their Learning from Home programs. The [learning from home page](#) has a wide range of curriculum based activities to further supplement your child's learning, if required.

We understand the pressures of parents both supervising learning from home as well as completing their own work. Parents are the best judge of what is appropriate for your child to be doing at home. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me or your child's teacher if you need further guidance or something is not working for you.

### **Return to school**

As always, student and staff safety is our number one priority. The Premier has strongly indicated that restrictions may ease but will not be fully lifted for some time and the department will be directed by the NSW Health and the Government advice. We will continue to work on the best way to support the safe return of students to schools.

Thank you again for your understanding and support of our school, please do not hesitate to reach out if we can do anything to assist you and your family to help us all get through these challenging times.

Kind Regards,

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Principal