



Ryde Public School

Life long learning

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Learning from home: Term 1, 2020

Dear Ryde families,

As we begin supporting all students to maintain continuity of learning, we would like to explain the steps we are taking for our community. Today you will be receiving your first 'Unit of learning' which will be for Wednesday 25th to Friday 27th (3 days). After that you will receive work once a week on Monday.

Each stage will continue to collaborate and plan using teaching and learning programs already in place and platforms the students are already familiar with such as: *Matific, Seesaw, Inquisitive, school email, Matharoo, ABC Education and BTN*.

The work will be the same for students at school and at home. Teachers will all be online once a day to 'check in' with students, answer questions and provide feedback on *target activities* via Seesaw (K-6) or DoE email (3-6). Target activities will be colour coded and in italics so students can prioritise.

Question & Answer guide for families	
When will my child have contact with their teacher?	All teachers will have allocated time once a day, during school hours, to 'check in' with every child, mark target activities and/or provide feedback.
Need help or have questions about the unit of learning?	YES Please email your child's teacher who will reply during school hours. <i>N.B Seesaw is not the platform for parent's to communicate to teachers</i>
I don't have access to technology for online activities.	Offline versions of the work (hardcopies) will be made available to all families once a week. If you require offline copies, please email your child's Assistant Principal with your details, your child's details and your address. Emails are provided at the end of each stages 'Unit of learning'
Does my child need to finish everything?	NO Please use what we provide as a guide. If you have family activities you would like to do then we encourage you to include them and share via a post or a photo on Seesaw.
What are the most important activities?	Read and write everyday. This can include being read to, listening to a sibling, reading independently.
How much time should they be online?	At school your children would have a maximum of 1-2 hours depending on their age and grade. This should be the same at home.
Can I borrow a laptop from school?	YES We will be providing laptop loans if you need one. It's important for students to have equity of access at this time. Planning is underway for organising a pick up system for families. Please email Mrs Warda directly if you require a laptop loan: julie.warda@det.nsw.edu.au
How can children stay in touch with each other?	It's important to stay connected , now more than ever. We encourage students to share photos, videos or posts or 'reply all' to a class email. <i>N.B Please remember to use the '5 Steps to Commenting/ Blogging'</i>

Will my child still receive homework?	NO The 'units of learning' include all activities
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The Department of Education have also created the **Learning from home hub**:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/learning-from-home/advice-to-parents-and-carers>

We have also provided the following four documents to support you at home:

- ★ Activities for home
- ★ Remote learning guidelines
- ★ Learning environment checklist
- ★ Advice for learning at home

Here are a few other recommended resources you might consider using based on your child's interests:

- ABC Education: <https://education.abc.net.au/home#!/home>
- Writing ideas and images: Pobble365 <http://www.pobble365.com/>
- TedED: https://ed.ted.com/educator?user_by_click=educator

Executive staff are currently developing our **Ryde School Learning Continuity Plan** looking at short, medium and long term plans.

Units of learning will go out on the following three communication platforms: Seesaw, class email and school ENews.

We all appreciate your support in this challenging time and know you will work with us to deliver the best support for your children, our students. We welcome constructive feedback so we can review and consider changes in the activities being provided as we plan.

Executive Team

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