

# ORANGE EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL



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## **NOVEL CORONA VIRUS – COVID 19 UPDATE 5 – 29 March 2020**

Dear Parents and Carers,

AS always, many thanks for your support and understanding as we navigate this new world that we all find ourselves in together. This update contains the same information as the video update released earlier today.

### ***Latest Government Advice for School Operations***

As per last week, the Premier and the Education Minister indicate that schools will remain open however, those parents who have the capacity to keep their children at home should continue to do so.

### ***OEPS Home Learning Packs***

- Our home learning packs will be available to pick up:
  1. Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March – 12pm to 2:30pm
  2. Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March – 9:30 to 2:30pm
  3. After Tuesday by contacting the school office and arranging pick up.
- Home learning packs can also be mailed out if required due to health reasons.
- The process to pick up packs will be entry via Spring St gate and exit via March St. If not raining we will use an outdoor area with correct spacing and bunting/markers to observe correct social distancing. If raining, we will use the school hall with entrance near the canteen door and exit via the March St doors. Again, we will set up correct line up areas, bunting and markers.

### ***Stage 3 Chromebooks***

- Chromebooks will also be available to pick up during the same hours indicated above for learning packs. Chromebooks cannot be mailed out.
- We will be using Mr Neal's 5/6 Goanna classroom (newer Homebase classroom nearest the hall).
- Again, we will set up correct line up spacing with bunting and markers. There will be one entry point and a separate exit point.
- There has been some confusion regarding the cost of the device. We are NOT charging parents any fee to use the device. The cost on the sheet of \$530 indicates the replacement value of the device should it be lost or destroyed.
- To collect a Chromebook, the parent or carer must have completed the OEPS Chromebook Loan Agreement (Google Form). There will also be hard copies of the form

available for any parents unable to complete the online version. The link below will take you to the Google Form:

<https://forms.gle/L7SuikvHBr4bUbFF9>

### ***Online Learning Agreement/Communication Protocol***

- Last week we sent out a Google Form with a couple of different requirements. The first part of the form was to collect up-to-date contact information and to assist us to understand the nature of our students' home learning environment. This information is proving highly useful in how we plan to support all of our students with the new learning packs.
- The second aspect of the Google Form was added for parents and carers to use for discussion with children about online learning expectations and support a clear understanding of everyone's role in this new learning format.
- The final section around Communication Protocols was added to begin with a clear understanding around the best way to communicate to support home learning.
- Once complete, the information is being used to invite parents into our online learning platform 'Class Dojo'. Staff are going through the Google Form returns and adding parents daily to the system. Once added an email is generated out to parents inviting you to join the Class Dojo. On occasion, certain email systems are filtering this invite into the 'Junk' mail folder. If you have not received your invite, please check this folder. If after 24 hours since completing the Google Form you still cannot find an invite, please email or call the school office and the classroom teacher will chase up the issue.
- 'Class Dojo' will be an important aspect that staff will use to support the learning packs being collected this week. Please ensure you complete this process. There will also be hard copies of the Online Learning Agreement/Communication Protocols available at desks during our learning pack pick-up over the next two days. To date, well over 100 parents/carers have completed the form – thank you!
- The Google Form can be accessed at:  
<https://forms.gle/VJpRK1CugyUG7ECu5>

### ***Mr Bourke's Homework Challenge***

- As with all staff, I am very much missing contact with our children – particularly as much of the organisation at the moment sees me rarely getting out of the office or meetings.
- To help with this, I am asking students to send me an email (possibly with a little help from someone if needed) about what has been going on in their life. It can be as little as a sentence or a couple of paragraphs. If they want, they can include pictures or even a video message. All will be welcome.
- This task can be completed by students learning from home or still attending school.
- Emails can be sent anytime this week. I will personally respond to every email.
- My email address is: [glen.bourke@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:glen.bourke@det.nsw.edu.au)

My best wishes go out to all of the Orange East community as we move into another week at this challenging time. As always, please contact the school office should you have any questions or require assistance with current school operations.

Regards,  
Glen Bourke  
Principal - OEPS