

# ORANGE EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL



*Safe Respectful Learners*

## NOVEL CORONAVIRUS – COVID 19 UPDATE 8 – 22 APRIL 2020

Dear Parents and carers,

I hope you have been able to enjoy some time with your children over the past couple of weeks. I wanted to take a short moment to update you with where we are currently at in terms of the Corona Virus and what the beginning of Term 2 will look like.

By now you may have seen or read the announcements from the Premier about what schooling may look like in Term 2. We have also received advice throughout yesterday from the Department of Education.

### **School Development Days**

- The NSW Department of Education has scheduled Monday 27th April and Tuesday 28th April as School Development Days. These days are designed to assist schools to prepare and plan for what will be a very different Term 2.
- Students are not to attend school on these first two days.

### **The First Two Weeks**

- From Wednesday 29th April until Friday 8th May (Weeks 1 and 2) students will continue to learn remotely. To support the NSW governments efforts in reducing the spread of Covid-19, where possible parents and carers are encouraged to keep children home and continue home schooling.

### **From Week Three Onwards**

- From Monday 11th May, we will begin to transition students back to school for approximately one day per week. When students are not at school, they will continue to learn from home using our home learning packs.
- We anticipate that this may occur for 2-3 weeks before we are given approval to increase the amount of time students attend school.

### **Parents/Carers Requiring School Supervision**

- From Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April onwards, our school remains open as does all NSW Public schools for parents who have no other option but to send their child to school. These students will complete the same home learning packs whilst being supervised by a rotational roster of teachers.

Over the coming week, our school executive team will be working on what the one day a week model will look like for our families. I will provide detailed advice early next week regarding this information.

I know both parents and our teachers are wanting students back into classrooms as soon as it is safe to do so. We will continue to implement social distancing procedures and heightened sanitation practices to the best of our ability. We continue to work with the Department of Education on the provision of sanitation products and guidelines to support infection control at school.

I thank you for your ongoing understanding and support as we continue to navigate our way through this challenging time. I will continue to provide updated advice as often as I possibly can. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via [glen.bourke@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:glen.bourke@det.nsw.edu.au).

Regards,  
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