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"Achieving Excellence Together"

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I'd like to begin by acknowledging the continued strength of our school community and your support for Chapman School. In particular, our teachers and school staff who have been planning and preparing online remote learning programs and deploying devices to families during these unprecedented events. I would also like to acknowledge this is a challenging period for our families and students. I thank you for your continued support.

The safety of students, staff and the school community are the paramount concern of the school and the Education Directorate. We understand that many of you are also beginning to work from home and this will be an adjustment for you all. The Remote Learning programs are in place to support you to set up your routine for your family unit.

In preparation for our transition to Remote Learning from this Friday 20 August, there are a number of things that we would like you to do to ensure a smooth transition to Remote Learning. Completing the steps below will support your child in accessing their learning and to participate in the daily checkin with their class teacher via Google Meets from Friday 20 August. Please refer to the information regarding the daily virtual check ins at the end of this letter.

1. Please watch the 1 minute video at this link and check that your child can log onto their Google account. You will need to use the Google Chrome browser. If you need your child's student number and password, please call the front office. Preschool families will receive their child's student number and password on 18/08/21. This information should be stored safely at home for continued reference.

<https://youtu.be/tvjBTrOdQIO>

2. Ensure that your child can login to their Reading Eggs and Mathletics accounts. If they have misplaced their login information, please email your child's class teacher to have this resent. These two platforms are integral in the Remote Learning program.
3. If your child is in preschool, kindergarten, year 1 or year 2 they will access their learning through SEESAW. Please watch the 5 minute video at this link. A code will be emailed to you this week so that you can set up the SEESAW Class app at home. SEESAW is ideal for iPads.

<https://youtu.be/WsxDUABH8g4>

4. If your child will be using an iPad for home learning, please ensure the Google Meet app is installed and that your child has signed in using the same credentials as demonstrated in the video in point 1.

5. If your child is in year 3, year 4, year 5 or year 6, they will access their learning through their Google Classroom, which they will already be familiar with. They will also access Google Meets with their class teacher for their daily checkin lesson through this platform.

Learning at home will bring joys and challenges, please know that we are here to support you to manage your child's learning, and to stay healthy, safe, and connected. Should you require any support with the above, please reach out to the Executive Teacher for your child's year level below.

Preschool & Kindergarten – olivia.maidment@ed.act.edu.au

Year 1 & 2 – michelle.lord@ed.act.edu.au

Year 3 & 4 – tina.wilson@ed.act.edu.au

Year 5 & 6 – trish.foster@ed.act.edu.au

For the next few weeks the most important thing you can do is support your child's wellbeing – they may be feeling anxious or distressed. Older children may be also feeling overwhelmed with the information they are seeing on the internet and they may need some guidance to help them find the most-appropriate information. Keep in mind that children can express their feelings in many ways. I encourage you to speak openly with your children about what they are feeling. If your children and young people require extra help and assistance, our school psychologists are available to provide support through telehealth. To access the service, a booking request may be made via an [online form](#) or by calling [6205 1559](tel:62051559) between 9:00am and 4:30pm.

We will be reaching out to you regularly to ensure you are kept up to date with any changes or new information. In the meantime, you can find more information and stay up to date with what the ACT Education Directorate is doing, by visiting [COVID-19 school arrangements - Education \(act.gov.au\)](#). You can keep up to date with the latest health information, advice and resources on the ACT's COVID-19 website www.covid19.act.gov.au. Please contact the school if you have any concerns. Your child's teacher will be in touch with you to assist you and your child to transition to remote learning.

If I can leave you with one thing, it is this - make the wellbeing of your family your main priority. When we are back in the classroom, we will all course correct, adjust the learning and meet our students where they are. Our teachers are experts at this! At the end of this, your child's mental health will be more important than their academic skills. How they felt during this time will stay with them long after the memory of what they did during the time they spent on the Remote Learning programs. Please keep this in mind every single day.

Yours faithfully,

James M. Barnett
Principal

Google Meet – Daily check ins with class teachers

Each student from preschool to year 6 is required to participate in a scheduled virtual check in with their class teacher each day. The platform that we use in the ACT Education Directorate for virtual meetings is Google Meet. This can be accessed through the following website: [Google Meet weblink](#) or through the Google Meet app on a mobile device. Students in Preschool to Year 2 will enter using a meeting code, please see the information below for your child’s code. Please note that students in Years 3 to Year 6 will access these meetings through their Google Classroom. These meeting codes will only work if your child has logged into their Google account and the ACT Education Directorate as outlined in step 1 on the first page.

Cohort	Time of Google Meet	Meeting Code	
Preschool	12 midday daily (will not be held on short preschool days)	Spots Stripes Frogs Turtles	chapmanspots chapmanstripes chapmanfrogs chapmanturtles
Kindergarten	9:30am daily	KDL KBL KLE KJP	chapmanKDL chapmanKBL chapmanKLE chapmanKJP
Year 1	10:30am daily	1ER 1SS 1JM 1EC	chapman1ER chapman1SS chapman1JM chapman1EC
Year 2	11:00am daily	2JS 2TW 2RT 2AJ	chapman2JS chapman2TW chapman2RT chapman2AJ
Year 3	9:30am daily	Please join using the link through your Google Classrooms.	
Year 4	11:30am daily		
Year 5	10:00am daily		
Year 6	10:00am daily		