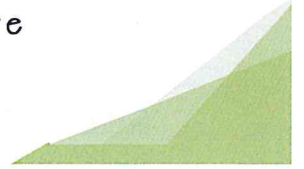




# Brinkworth Primary and Early Childhood Centre "Growing Together"

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Dear Families,

We hope you are all keeping well and able to access the items you need during this time of uncertainty. Included in the pack of information today is a directive from the Department for Education and some tips for coping with the anxiety of Coronavirus.

We acknowledge that this is a worrying time for our learners. We are endeavouring to support them in all possible ways to ensure they are informed but not scared of the current state of affairs. Discussions take place when necessary and reminders are being given in regards to safe handwashing practices.

Due to the virus, upcoming events at our site have been modified or cancelled for the time being. Please read the information below carefully.

## **CLEANING**

Our cleaning contract has been increased an hour a day to allow for extra time for a thorough clean of all surfaces including door handles and doorways, keyboards and table surfaces. We are ensuring we are keeping up with the need for hand soap and hand towels so everyone has access to these things.

## **ASSEMBLY**

Assemblies will be cancelled until next term. Unfortunately this will delay our SRC and School Leaders being given their badges with the Mayor and having our first, site assembly. We will endeavour to try again in Week 1 of Term 2.

## **PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

At this stage, parent teacher interviews can go ahead providing we practice the correct social distancing, wipe down surfaces after interviews and use the new social gestures. We accept that this is your decision and can conduct these via technology if necessary. Please let us know how you would like to continue.

## **CAMP**

Sadly, we need to cancel our whole school camp for week 11. As of Monday 23 March, the Department for Education asks sites to cancel all excursions and sports carnivals such as interschool sports days. We are working with Mylor Campsite to reschedule for a later date.



### **SANFL FOOTY AND HARMONY DAY**

Harmony Day celebrations with Spalding on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April and our annual football learning has been postponed. We will work with SANFL and Spalding Primary to reschedule these events for a later date.

### **OCCASIONAL CARE:**

As per directive, we will be postponing the Occasional Care service for the rest of the term. We acknowledge this is important within our community but for the health and safety of everyone, feel it is best to provide only the essential services for the rest of the term.

### **RAINY DAY PACKS**

In preparation for site closure, educators have created "Rainy Day" packs. These come with age appropriate activities and ideas to work through with your child should we have to close. There will also be a private Facebook group created if we should close with a variety of learning activities being added each day.

We respect that during times of isolation and worry that having a sense of belonging is very important. We will try to connect with you all through technology to ensure everyone feels a part of our community at all times. If you have any further questions, please see your child's educator or myself.

Thank you for your kindness and concern during this time.

Keep yourselves safe!

Kind Regards,

Kel Barns

Principal