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Dear Parents and Carers

Coronavirus Update- Education Support Students should remain at home
I trust that this letter finds you and your family well?

As you know, in normal times, our Easter break and April holidays would formally begin tomorrow afternoon; sadly, these are not normal times.

I want to sincerely thank you all for your support in keeping your child(ren) home from school. Our teachers, EAs and Admin Team appreciate that this would be a complicated situation to manage; and just how hard it would be for our students to come to terms with.

Before I inform you of the latest information from the Department of Education, as to what schooling will look like Term 2, I wish to be clear that:

1. The Chief Health Officer's advice in respect education support students, shared in my letter of 31-03-20, remains current. That advice stated that *"…given the spread of COVID-19, and the vulnerability of our education support students, the decision has been made that our **education support students should remain at home**."*
2. As the Pandemic continues, decisions from health professionals can change so we all will need to be flexible in responding to these changes and directions.

The Department of Education has advised that in Term 2:

- All public schools will remain open;
- Parents are encouraged to keep their children home. Those who need to send their children to school to maintain employment, children of essential workers and those who require schools to help them support particular vulnerabilities, however, may choose to do so.
- To ensure that all students needs are met, staff will be present on school sites.
- All students will be taught: those attending schools and those learning at home.
- Student wellbeing remains a priority, notably for our most vulnerable students.

Should you require any clarification of the above, please do not hesitate to contact me, either at the school tomorrow or via email at kenwickschool@education.wa.edu.au.

By now your child's class teacher has either spoken with you, or attempted to make contact with you to determine the best means of supporting your child's education in Term 2. If you haven't already returned their calls, I urge you to make contact with them prior to the end of tomorrow.

As I have said previously our students remain our top priority, as does our wish to support you and your family in these unprecedented times. As you no doubt will understand, we of course need to temper these missions with the need to keep our students and our staff safe.

In closing, to keep up to date with any changes in respect to the schooling and the Coronavirus I once again urge you to access:

1. Our School website and hitting the Coronavirus (COVID-19) information button at http://kenwickschool.wa.edu.au/ for the latest actions taken to support your child; and
2. The Department of Education website https://www.education.wa.edu.au/coronavirus-school-update for the latest on the system-wide management of this pandemic.

In respect to our website, we will continue to send text messages to alert of any new information and resources placed on it.

I wish you all a safe, happy, though possibly unconventional, Easter.

Stay well everyone.

Yours faithfully

Mark Watson
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