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*Franklin Early Childhood School*

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Dear families,

Yesterday and today our staff have been contacting all families via email or phone to check in and see how you are all going at this time. We thank you for all your kind words and offers of support. We have wonderful stakeholders and I greatly appreciate your understanding at this difficult time.

As you know these pupil free days are to allow our teachers time to collaborate and plan for online learning processes. All staff have spent considerable time yesterday and today unpacking a number of areas to ensure that we are planned for an alternative delivery of education.

Here's a snapshot of what has been happening at Franklin yesterday and today:

- Teaching teams have been looking at key learning and multiple ways to engage students in online platforms,
- Teachers have been upskilling themselves to broaden their areas of expertise in relation to multiple online platforms.
- We are expanding our strategies to support students that may require additional support and are developing a clear pathway to ensure that these students are well supported during this time.
- The development of "cheat sheets" for families and students around how to access the Google Suite. This was emailed out to families yesterday.

We are committed to support families who require Chromebooks (years 2,3,4) and iPads (years K and 1). If you have a student who has NO access to any devices, please contact [Patricia.Duffy@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:Patricia.Duffy@ed.act.edu.au) by close of business tomorrow.

We would also like to know if you are experiencing internet connectivity issues. Could you please let Patricia know ASAP if this is the case?

For the remainder of this week, we will be continuing to communicate the information we have at hand via e-mail. Please continue to check your emails. Please understand that during this unprecedented event the situation is ever-evolving and can change often. I remind all our parents, that we have a dedicated section on the school website regarding COVID-19 with information from the Education Directorate and ACT Health. We will continue to follow advice by ACT Health in this space.

Thank you again for your support.

Kind regards,

Kate Flynn  
Principal