

Pupil free days in ACT public schools - 24 March 2020

Dear parents and carers

We are aware there has been some confusion in the community about pupil free days in ACT public schools, for which we apologise.

We are working hard to ensure your child can continue their learning through these unprecedented events and want to communicate clearly and often with you about this, so you always have the latest information and advice.

The Education Directorate website (www.education.act.gov.au) is updated regularly with current information. I also encourage you to follow ACT Public Schools on social media.

Pupil free days from 24 March 2020 to school holidays

From Tuesday 24 March 2020 all ACT Public Schools are going pupil-free until the school holidays, due to begin on Friday 10 April 2020.

ACT schools will remain open to students who absolutely need to attend. Schools will still be able to safely receive and provide learning for students whose parents and carers must attend work to provide essential services and are unable to care for their children at home, as well as vulnerable children and those with additional needs.

No child will be turned away.

This also applies to ACT Government preschools. At this stage, other early childhood services such as long day care, family day care, out of school hours care and vacation care can continue to operate.

New online resources

Yesterday the Education Directorate released a resource library to support parents and children with home learning. You can find a link to the resource on the Education Directorate website www.education.act.gov.au.

Relationships are key to education and we want parents and students to remain connected to their teachers and schools. In the coming weeks, we will build more resources and ways to support continued education, in the event students cannot attend school for an extended period. Please take some time with your child to explore the resources on offer.

Once again, thank you for your patience as we work through this difficult time together.

Regards

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