

## Maungatapere School

Learning at Home Guidelines for Parents  
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Kia ora families, whanau

We hope all is going well in your home bubble as we return to school for the start of Term 2 next Wednesday 15 April. We are sure the Easter Bunny will visit many homes over the weekend – maybe an egg hunt in the garden!

We know some families have continued to keep learning going during the last two weeks while others have had family holiday time. During this time family well-being, building resilience and being parents take priority. As we return to learning you will have to take the lead in what is working and what isn't. Teachers have made connection with most families and are continuing to do so. Use teacher expectations to support you with learning. Children trying and gaining some success will build resilience also. Teachers will be looking for and supporting this.

This is a learning curve for all of us and hopefully by working together we can ensure we make the best of a difficult situation. We will also share well-being and cooperative activities on a regular basis.

Below are some guidelines we hope will support families with learning at home:

- Develop a learning routine that works for you. Teachers have sent home examples but if you are managing children and working from home you may need to change this.
- Teachers will also set a routine for connecting with students, providing feedback and setting and monitoring tasks.
- Many teachers have children at home and are juggling their work/family time as well, so there will need to be some flexibility from everyone to find the best routine.
- Please talk with your child's teacher if there are issues with connectivity or timing to try to solve the problem.
- Younger students Y1-3 will need greater support to guide and monitor them through many activities. Some they will be able to complete independently.
- Older students Y4-8 should be developing their ability to take responsibility for their own learning - completing tasks set, asking for support from their teacher during contact times or parents if stuck.
- Having the same learning time and parent work time for older students may work well.
- Teachers will try to connect with every child individually each week, apart from setting learning tasks and providing feedback to work completed.
- Talk to teachers about issues you are having relating to learning at home to try to solve them together.
- Encourage children to develop their key competencies - ability to problem solve, work with others, cooperate, be part of a team.
- There are always games and lots of activities you can do together that allow children to develop the above.
- The Ministry has a data base of those families who requested devices, but delivery is being prioritised.
- Be patient, support and encourage your children, but if learning is creating anxiety for you and your child let it go. Do the tasks that children are happy to do.
- Ministry of Education link to learning at home: [Learning from Home](#)

Look for and support the positives of family time and take care of each other.  
All the best for the new term!

Regards

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