

## Message for Parents and Carers

At Leda Education Support Centre, we support you and your decision regarding schooling during this challenging time. Our message to families is that education remains open, even though it may look different. We are moving to an alternative and flexible model of schooling for our community known as '*distance education*'.

Understandably, parents and guardians may feel overwhelmed and under pressure at the thought of managing distance education. There isn't a "one-size fits all" approach to education or the COVID-19 situation and you are best placed to determine what is practical, reasonable and appropriate for your child at this time. Learning from home will also be difficult for some students as they require a significant level of support to access and engage with the curriculum.

For this reason, the staff have created, collected and compiled a range of resources which can be utilised for our students at home. Along with structured activities, our teachers will also suggest some practical activities for you to do at home that aim to enhance life skills of your children. Play, independence and the development of social skills should be encouraged – e.g. cooking activities, gardening etc. It is encouraged that children at this age are read to and/or share a story with their families every day. Basic mental calculations and writing activities should be encouraged to continue.

Teachers will be providing the 'maximum' amount of learning activities but our expectations of how much work to complete, is flexible. We understand that at this time, you must prioritise the health and wellbeing of your families and we do not want you to be placed under additional stress delivering student learning.

For any questions or concerns please contact your classroom teacher via DOJO or email. They will maintain contact with you and your child during the school term.

We thank you for your understanding during these unprecedented circumstances.