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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As per the directive made by the Victorian Chief Health Officer, our school will be closed from Tuesday March 24. There are 4 pupil free days for staff this week from March 24 – March 27, then there is another pupil free day after the school holidays on Tuesday April 14. Staff will be using these days to plan and prepare for the transition to flexible, remote learning (ie. learning at home), starting from Wednesday April 15. At this stage, I do not know how long this will be for. I will communicate to families via our website <http://www.croydonsds.vic.edu.au/> and the bulk communication system we have in place to send out text messages, (which I used over the weekend).

I have updated the home page of our school website – there is a link to the DET coronavirus webpage, and I will post updates on the home page. I have set up student learning pages, which I will add to as we go with social stories, videos from staff and useful website links.

Please find enclosed your child's first home learning pack for the start of next term. These are filled with activities to do at home and will require a range of adult input and support depending on the stages of learning and needs of your child. The Home Learning Packs are expected to provide activities for use from Monday-Friday. Many of these activities, ideas and suggestions will be distinctly different from our school based teaching and learning programs and what we would be providing under normal circumstances to support the achievement of the goals in the Individual Education Plans. There are social stories and visuals included.

We have also prepared some videos about how to use the visuals that will be posted on our website over the next few days.

We have organized a 'communication tree' for families so that a staff member will contact you to touch base with how things are going.

For any queries, concerns or just needing to touch base with us, please email croydon.sds@edumail.vic.gov.au.

All the best and stay healthy!

Kind Regards,

Elizabeth Anderson
Principal