



# Newsletter Term 1 no.3

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Can you believe we are almost at the end of the term already. We have had a very busy term and unfortunately with COVID-19 pandemic it has been a very unusual and unknown time for the world.

## Dates to remember:

Wednesday's for Preschool:

Purple Group week—11

Green Group week—10

Wednesday 8th April— Last day of Term for purple group.

-Last day of term for Green Group: Thursday 9th April (2pm early finish).

## Curriculum:

As things are changing day to day we are adapting our resources and learning environments to suit the number of children we have attending Preschool. We understand your child's safety and wellbeing is very important in the current pandemic and we are also aware that many of you may be worried and concerned with how this affects your child's learning and development if they do not attend Preschool. The staff alongside the Department for Education are working very hard to ensure we are able to support your child's learning and development to continue whilst not attending Preschool.

When staff have discussed and collaborated appropriate information and resources we will inform you of this via email.

We kindly appreciate your patience and understanding in this matter. In the mean time we encourage you to play, read stories, engage in real life experiences such as cooking, playdough, outside activities (if you have an area outdoors) and enjoy your time with your children.

## Excursions and Incursions:

Unfortunately we have had to postpone all excursions and incursions until further notice. We are not sure on the time frame which this will take effect or what this means for Term 2. We will however notify you and keep you informed as things change (at the moment it is changing day to day).

## Preschool Changes:

### **Cancelled events-**

- Incursions and Excursions until further notice
- Gatherings with more than 10 people (limited group times for us at Preschool).

### **Cancelled services-**

- Private providers/specialists (e.g-Speech/Occupational Therapists) will no longer attend Preschool until further notice. Many will be providing information and resources to Preschool to continue supporting us and the children.

### **No Change**

- Preschool will continue to run unless we are advised not to.

### **General information:**

All visitors are asked not to attend our site if they have cold and flu like symptoms.

**Please keep your child home from Preschool if they are not feeling well.**

- Cleaning contracts have been altered to provide more frequent cleaning of surfaces, light switches etc to ensure our environment is sterilised.
- good hygiene practices are implemented continuously throughout the day; using soap and water and hand sanitiser.

### **Preschool Routine Changes:**

- Drop off will occur at the sign in area— please say goodbye as quickly as you can so we can limit the amount of people in our Preschool environment.
- Children are asked to wash their hands when they are dropped off and when picked up at the end of the day.
- lots of outdoor play to decrease the amount of children in our inside learning environment.
- collection of your child at the end of the day will involve one staff greeting you and another collecting your child. Once your child is with you we kindly ask you to leave as quickly as possible, again to decrease social interactions/gatherings.
- We have sanitizer for families to use when they drop off and pick up.
- We need to supervise and watch the children washing their hands before and after eating.
- The aim is to limit group times as much as possible but ensuring they have some distance.
- Washing all playdough adjuncts, both drinking containers, home corner adjuncts.
- Also disinfectant and clean lunch crates and puzzles. The playdough is thrown out at the end of the day.

# STOP THE SPREAD

## PREVENTING ILLNESS

Wash your hands frequently



Use alcohol based sanitiser



Wipe down frequently touched surfaces



Avoid contact with sick people



Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue



Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth



## SYMPTOMS COVID-19 (Coronavirus)



Fever



Cough



Shortness of breath



Fatigue



Sore throat

For more information, visit [edi.sa.edu.au/preventingillness](https://edi.sa.edu.au/preventingillness)



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