

COVID-19 and ACT public schools: Updated information re pupil free days 23 March 2020

Dear parents and carers

This morning's communication has caused confusion, for which we apologise. I'm writing to provide you with corrected information about COVID-19 and ACT public schools.

Pupil free days from 24 March 2020 to school holidays

From Tuesday 24 March 2020 all ACT Public Schools will go 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 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

Today the Education Directorate has 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 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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