

Level 4 Lockdown Information about Home Learning. August 18th 2021

Kia ora everyone. I hope that you are all doing as well as possible during the current lockdown. We've done this before so we know you can do it!

We are hoping this will be a short lockdown and that we will be back to school on Monday 23rd August. At this stage, our approach to home learning will be low key. If the lockdown is extended, we will make changes to our home learning programme. At the moment our staff are not allowed on the school site, so we are unable to distribute devices or hard-copy learning packs.

These are challenging times which can be very stressful for everyone. Factors such as economic and employment concerns, physical and mental health, the loss of everyday activities, or our ability to maintain contact with friends and family can all impact on our wellbeing.

One of the best things we can all do right now are activities which build positive relationships with the people in our bubble, and nourish everyone's wellbeing. At Fraser Crescent School, we don't want our learning at home to be an added burden. Instead, we want to offer a selection of learning tasks and activities which suit the needs of your child and family. Our staff cannot run the same programmes remotely, neither are we expecting you to be your child's full time teacher.

Our Approach to Home Learning

Here are our three top guidelines which underpin our philosophies around learning at home.

- Try and make any learning activity at home fun. If it becomes stressful for anyone, stop doing it.
- Select the tasks and activities that suit your family. Consider things like your child's interests, abilities, resources within the home, and whether the task can be done independently, or does it need lots of your support?
- Do what you can. Kids need a balance of learning, fun, play, relaxation, etc.

General learning ideas

Here is a list of some tasks and activities that might appeal to learners of all ages.

Continue your learning remotely. As we are well into the term, many of the students have been introduced to their key topics. Many students, particularly our older ones, should be in a position to undertake some extra research and learning, especially if they have access to the internet. Many of the senior students also have access to sites such as Maths Buddy, where they can continue their learning from home.

Fraser's Quests. These are a fun way to further develop your child's FRASER Values. Have a look on our website for examples of the Quests. Children can pick Quests that they find exciting. A link to the Quest programme can be found on our website. <https://www.frasercres.school.nz/home-learning/>

Reading. Reading is a really useful skill to learn and practice. Read some books at home, listen to audiobooks, read online etc. Kids often love being read to. Websites like Epic have thousands of titles, plus it's free.

Games. Different games develop a wide range of skills from taking turns to counting, from problem solving to sharing. Card games, dice games, board games, imagination games. Have a think about what resources you have at home to play different games.

Get Outdoors. Be sure to get your kids outside regularly. Set up an obstacle course, build a fort, play catch, do a scavenger hunt, do some chalk drawing etc.

Kapa Haka for Kids online. Check out <https://www.facebook.com/events/605406127532896/?ti=ls>

Cook or Bake. There is lots of learning involved in cooking, plus the satisfaction of providing a meal or snack for the family.

Play. Lego, blocks, jigsaws, dress-ups, cars, dolls etc. Play helps to build imagination, oral language skills, problem solving etc.

Learn a new skill or hobby. Maybe someone in your bubble can knit, or is awesome at woodwork. The internet, especially YouTube can also be inspirational in teaching new things. Learn to code on Scratch, learn some origami etc.

Final Messages

Share what your child is doing with their teacher. Either email, google classroom/doc or upload as a story on Educa. Our teachers are very keen to see what children have been doing, giving them some praise, encouragement and feedback.

Our teachers will be contactable. If you want specific support with something, or require more work for you child, please just ask.

Thank you for taking the time to read this information. Please share any feedback or questions you have with me at principal@frasercrest.school.nz. Also, don't hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher.

Take care, keep safe, kia kaha.

The Team @ FSC 😊