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Dear WCS Families,

Today the Premier of NSW, Gladys Berejiklian, has announced that NSW schools will remain open, but parents are encouraged to keep their children at home to prevent the spread of the COVID 19 Coronavirus. All schools in NSW have been instructed to provide online learning for the remainder of Term 1.

WCS will remain open for children of parents who work are workers and have no option. Teachers will be here at school to continue delivering the curriculum.

Teachers will be planning lessons for students at school AND at home. I have instructed them to use our online learning platform, OneNote Classroom Notebook, for all lesson planning so that they will only need to focus on one mode of planning. This way all the students at WCS will continue to work together, even if they are learning in different places.

I have attached an instruction sheet for families to be able to login to Office 365 where our class notebooks are held. You can access Office 365 on any web browser, using any kind of internet connected device- Smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops and desk top computers.

As you can imagine, school will look very different from now on. Younger children who work from home will need help from an adult to read the daily instructions from teachers. Our older students will be able to read their own instructions, but I'm sure they will appreciate your input.

The attached sheet "Remote Learning for Parents." will explain how it all works and how to log in.

My job is to help get the wheels turning. Please don't hesitate to email or message me with questions. I will endeavour to get things working for you in your family context.

Today at school we are showing all the students how to login into their OneNote Class Notebooks and it was easy for them. That's a great sign isn't it?

I am upholding you all in prayer to our good God.

Know that you are not alone! We are still here and will continue teaching your children in one way or another.

Many blessings,

Jo Blatch, Principal.