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Dear parents and carers,

The advice from national Public Health officials remains clear – schools, preschools and early childhood services are safe to remain open, and will continue to operate.

However, COVID-19 is an unprecedented challenge and we understand that many of you would prefer to keep your children at home during this time. We support your choice.

Until the end of Term 1, some teachers will have capacity to offer take home work, but others will not. Please continue to support our teachers, as they are doing their very best in this unprecedented situation.

To support our transition to flexible teaching and learning ready for term 2, there will be 4 pupil free days from 6 to 9 April 2020 inclusive. This time will allow our staff to plan and prepare for new models of school based and home based learning.

To support learning at home, the Department for Education has launched Our Learning SA – a curriculum portal where you can access quality learning materials. These resources will be regularly added to. Please visit [www.education.sa.gov.au/ourlearningsa](http://www.education.sa.gov.au/ourlearningsa).

We are also working with schools and preschools to develop options for OSHC and vacation care over the pupil free days and school holidays for children of essential workers. Please speak to your child's school or preschool for more information.

Thank you for being flexible and understanding as we work through a new way of teaching and learning during this extraordinary time.

We are working very hard to support you and ensure that essential school and early childhood services remain available to you.

If you need any more information, please talk to your child's teacher, or visit the Department for Education website – [www.education.sa.gov.au](http://www.education.sa.gov.au).

Yours sincerely,

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Hon John Gardner MP  
**Minister for Education**

26 March 2020

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Rick Persse  
**Chief Executive**

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