



Leabank Primary School

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

We are now in our third-week of isolation. The temptation for some will be to visit others. We know that those with underlying medical conditions can be hit hard by this virus, however, this virus can infect anyone and they could end up in hospital. Please keep safe and stay home in your bubble as I want to see all students when we are allowed back to a physical school.

The staff have been very busy looking at the best way to teach your child/ren. I apologise that some may have been rung more than once and asked the same questions. We just want to make sure we gather everyone's information so that we know who we can assist online and those that will struggle as they may have no internet access or appropriate devices at home.

As far as your child's classroom teacher is concerned, where possible, they will be in touch with those students that are able to be contacted. They will also be available to their students and their whanau from 10:00am to 12:00pm and 1:00pm to 3:00pm on school days. Please be mindful that many of our teachers also have their own children and whanau to care for as well as teach.

Unfortunately we **DO NOT** have enough computer devices to meet the demands of all our families. Those that already have a device in their homes will not be receiving one, however you can still use the links below to support your child with their learning at home.

Using the School Device

- **The devices remain the property of Leabank Primary School and MUST be returned in the original packaging when school returns.**
- Upon receiving your device please ensure that you charge it fully before using the device.
- Once the device is charged, turn the device on and connect to your home wifi.
- Once connected your child can then login using their school login and password.
- If your child has forgotten their password email carolm@leabank.school.nz with your child's name and she will reset it for them.

Please ensure that the devices are in sight of an adult so that you can monitor their activities. Please monitor your child's screen time and ensure that they are **only using educational sites.**

It is a great idea to **re-discuss internet safety with your child**, regardless of their age. Create the rules and agreement with your child about what they can do online, including safe sites they can visit and appropriate behaviours.

The teachers can be contacted by email and these email addresses can be accessed through our school website www.leabank.school.nz, go to our "Our School" and "Our people" and click on [email](#) or see list below:

Susan Delaney - susand@leabank.school.nz
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Home Learning - Term 2 2020

Here are some free school websites that may be useful to assist you with your child's learning at home. We have no expectations as to how much you do. The most important thing is that you, your family, and your children are happy, because relationships come first. Children will be learning a lot in the activities they are engaged in outside of schoolwork. Be kind to everyone, including yourself. Please do as much or as little as you can manage or you would like to do.

FREE EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION - As of today, there will be school on TV, (Home Learning TV, on TVNZ, which will run from 9am to 3pm on school days on TVNZ 2 + 1 Freeview and Sky channel 502. Some lessons will also be available on TVNZ On Demand.)

www.studyladder.co.nz

Your child may already know their username and password. An alternative is for you to contact your child's teacher via email and ask them to send it to you. It is also free for parents to register and sign their child up.

www.sunshineonline.co.nz

Login : **leabank**

Password : **leabank1**

Stories and activities correspond to the students reading level. Stories are available for students to complete at their own pace.

<https://www.storylineonline.net>

Storyline Online is available 24 hours a day for children, parents, caregivers and educators. Reading aloud to children has been shown to improve reading, writing and communication skills, logical thinking and concentration, and general academic aptitude, as well as inspire a lifelong love of reading.

<https://www.abcya.com>

Educational games for all levels. Activities will keep kids engaged and are fun. Topics include math, reading, typing, just-for-fun logic games and many more.

<https://www.prodigygame.com/>

Fun math practice for all levels. Content adapts to each player. Every major math topic - with more than 1500 skills embedded into the games.

<https://www.storylineonline.net>

A children's literacy website, which provides free storytelling videos and resources for parents and teachers to foster a love of reading in children.

<https://www.jumpjam.co.nz>

Quarantine workouts for students.

<https://www.funbrain.com>

#1 site for online educational games for kids of all ages. (math, grammar, science, spelling, history.

<https://pbskids.org>

Hang out with your favourite characters all while learning.

www.highlightskids.com

Read, play games and conduct cool science experiments.

www.swicherzoo.com

Watch, listen and play games to learn all about amazing animals.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher via email if you have any questions. Keep safe, be kind to one another. We will get through this together.

Kindest regards

Rex Maddren
Principal