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Dear Parents and Carers,

These two videos have been shared with principals and I feel they are both worthwhile in sharing the Department of Education's position as well as NSW Health, addressing the notion of school closures in a simple message as well as information around COVID-19.

The first is from Mark Scott, Secretary, Department of Education.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i\\_9ZYJftAAo&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i_9ZYJftAAo&feature=youtu.be)

Another worthwhile viewing, is Mark Scott speaking with Kerry Chant who is the NSW Chief Health Officer. This interview was done yesterday.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mt\\_xvgdfGk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mt_xvgdfGk)

I hope you find these You Tube clips helps with questions you may have around school operations and information regarding COVID-19.

During the past two weeks, we have had many requests from parents and carers for individualised work for their children who are absent. Providing individualised work for all children absent, while still teaching current children in attendance, is not possible. We are working on a Rydalmere PS package that we will roll out to families using the platform Google Classrooms by the start of next week. To prepare for this, we are asking all families to complete the following questions.

Thank you for your continued understanding and response below. Please return by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March.

**Bek Zadow - Principal**

My child's name is: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

- My child has access to an electronic device for online learning. The devices is a (ipad, laptop, computer, smartphone) \_\_\_\_\_
- My child does not have a device for online learning
- My child's device has access to the internet
- My child's device does not have access to the internet
- I (or a someone who will care for my child) feel confident to direct my child in their online learning
- I do not feel confident to direct my child in their online learning
- I (or a someone who will care for my child) will require online materials to be translated in to my home language so I can direct them. My home language is: \_\_\_\_\_