



April 17, 2020

Dear DG Families,

We hope that all of you are doing well at home. As we finish our second week of learning from home, we hope that you and your children are settling into a schedule and routine that work for your household. We know that families are all in different situations and that everyone is doing the best they can in these unusual circumstances. We also understand that some families are taking advantage of this opportunity to teach their children life skills such as cooking, gardening, and building projects and might be wanting to minimize screen time, including online learning activities. Please continue to communicate with your child's teacher about how things are going for your family and if you are needing support or flexibility around home learning plans (expectations, due dates, use of technology, etc...). Teachers are very aware that this is a stressful time for all and they are here to work with you, as are we.

On the next page, you will find two pieces of information from the School District. The first is some reminders about protocols around taking photos, videos or audio footage. The second is about an on-line program aimed at helping to "ease" anxiety. Although the title suggests it's for educators, there are some excellent ideas for families to use at home.

Please continue to share your pictures of learning at home with us at egreenhalgh@deltasd.bc.ca and stee@deltasd.bc.ca We miss you and love to see what our families are up to. Just a reminder, we are sharing your pictures with our community through our twitter page <https://twitter.com/DGElem> and on our school website <https://dg.deltasd.bc.ca/>

We wish you all a wonderful weekend.

Take good care,

E. Greenhalgh
Principal

Sandra Tee
Vice Principal

From the Delta School District

Protocols for Parents/Guardians Around Taking Photos, Videos or Audio Footage

Just as we ask parents and guardians to respect the privacy of students on our school grounds, we also ask them to respect the privacy of students in virtual classrooms. Here are some helpful guidelines and tips:

- Take photos or video or audio footage of your child only
- Do not post photos, video or audio online that feature children other than your own, unless you have express permission from their parents/guardians to do so
- Please bear in mind that virtual classrooms allow teachers and other students to see into your home, so you may wish to set up a backdrop that protects the privacy of you and your family

Delta Police Department has shared the following online resources to help keep kids safe online:

- <https://www.cybertip.ca/app/en/signup>
- <https://protectkidsonline.ca/app/en/>

EASE (*Everyday Anxiety Strategies for Educators*)

We have been hard at work adapting some EASE classroom activities for use at home by parents and caregivers to support children's mental health and continuous learning during this difficult time and beyond.

We are excited to announce that as of this morning, **EASE 'At Home' K-3 and 4-7 activities are now available** on our [EASE website](#).

Please feel free to share these resources amongst your various networks, educators and families. They will also be posted soon on the *Keep Learning BC* website <https://www.openschool.bc.ca/keeplearning/>.