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Dear education colleagues

Thank you to the many schools and teachers who have contacted us on Friday and over the weekend to provide feedback related to our guidance on using our programs in the context of a home schooling environment. Like most in education at the moment, we are seeking rapidly to find solutions for circumstances never anticipated. This is in the context of a distinguished record of supporting education underpinned by evidence based practice. However, we recognise the urgency of the situation created by COVID-19 and the need for pragmatic and practical solutions.

A common theme in the feedback was concern about restrictions on recorded lessons online, particularly the impact restrictions would make on continuing the program.

MultiLit has become aware that a number of State departments of education have imposed restrictions on various live streaming/broadcasting platforms such as Zoom and Teams. This potentially provides a substantial obstacle to online delivery involving a teacher. We recognise for some schools restrictions on recording may make it unworkable for schools to continue using our programs.

We have therefore revised our position on video recording and can confirm that **schools may provide recordings of lessons as long as they are kept within closed school networks.**

In the coming days, we will also be providing online access to more of our resources, including our InitialLit Readers for Foundation and Year 1, the InitialLit Sounds and Words books, the MiniLit Sounds and Words book, the MacqLit Sounds and Words book, Reading Tutor Program Presentation Book and the Word Attack Skills–Extension Presentation Book. These books will be made available via a link that can be shared with parents/students for viewing online. We will be contacting customers with these programs as soon as the links are ready.

Over the coming weeks, the team at MultiLit will be working on providing additional online resources to assist in the delivery from the beginning of Term 2 of the InitialLit program.

I apologise for any concern my last communication presented, I assure you this was unintended. The team at MultiLit would like to reiterate our commitment to supporting you and your students in the continued use of MultiLit programs as we navigate this rapidly changing situation. As always, please contact us at multilit@multilit.com with any questions or concerns you have.

With best wishes,

**Emeritus Professor Kevin Wheldall AM
Chairman**

COVID-19: Use of MultiLit program materials online (revised)

Our position is that MultiLit program materials may be used online and recommend the following:

- Any MultiLit materials or lessons may only be used online via closed networks available to your school. This includes scanning printed materials.
- That delivery of lessons in an online mode should be by teachers or teacher aides and delivered live if at all possible.
- The online delivery approaches outlined in this advice are to accommodate the current situation as a response to COVID-19. Our recommendation is that when the school operations return to normal that delivery of MultiLit programs should resume on a face-to-face basis as this is the most effective way to deliver our programs.

Some helpful resources

In line with our revised position on recording session explained above, we have updated our program-specific suggestions for delivery.

[Updated suggestions for delivering InitialLit in a home school setting](#)

[Updated suggestions for delivering intervention programs in a home school setting](#)

The below resources may also be shared with parents.

Reinforced Reading video: [click here](#)

Reading With Your Young Child factsheet: [click here](#)

Five from Five Parent Webinar – Evidence-based ways to help children with reading: [click here](#)