

Keeping you in the loop...

5 February 2021

COVID-19 UPDATE

Good morning parents and carers,

We are incredibly lucky to be able to return to school on Monday 8 February after our 5-day lockdown.

As indicated by our Premier, there will be some restrictions and this morning we had a meeting with the Director General, Lisa Rodgers, who announced what these would mean for public schools.

Schools have been deemed as safe and all students are expected to return to school on Monday 8 February 2021.

Parents will be allowed on school site and must follow these requirements;

- **all adults** must wear a mask whilst on the school grounds. If you have a medical exemption you are required to inform the administration office prior to coming onto the school grounds
- social distancing must be adhered to. It is important to keep 1.5 metres away from others at all times. This includes whilst waiting outside the gates or classrooms
- due to the 4sqm rule we can only allow 10 – 12 adults in a classroom at any one time
- there are to be no mass gatherings for the next 5 days

Wearing of Masks

As already stated, all adults must wear masks on the school site. Our staff are required to wear masks at all times other than when they are explicitly teaching their classes. We feel confident that our students have already adapted to adults having a mask on, however we will post a social story on our Facebook page that you can read to your children to ease any anxiety they may feel. Please reassure your children they are safe at school.

If you would like your child to wear a mask they are permitted to do so, however there is no requirement for students under the age of 12 to do so.

Day One Drop Off

In order to meet the specified requirements, we are going to put the following procedures in place;

Kindy, Pre-primary and Year One Parents

We understand that this is a big day for your child and your family and we want you to be able to enjoy this experience. In order for you to be able to go into the classrooms with your child over the next 2 days we have put the following in place:

1. Only one parent per child may enter the classroom at any one time – feel free to tag each other out.
2. We will have a staggered drop off;
 - **Children with surnames starting with A-J** must be taken to their classrooms at **8:15am**. Parents can stay with their children in the classroom until **8:30am**. If your child is settled, please feel comfortable to leave the classroom sooner than this.
 - **Children with surnames starting with K-Z** must be taken to their classrooms at **8:40am**. Parents can stay with their children in the classroom until **8:55am**. If your child is settled, please feel comfortable to leave the classroom sooner than this.
3. We will ensure that your child is safe and settled. If they are distressed and we cannot calm them, we will contact you. Rest assured that we will not leave your child in a distressed state as we want them to feel safe at school.

Year 2-6 Parents

All students in years 2-6 will enter their classrooms from 8:15am. Parents are welcome to come onto the school site to walk your children to their class if they need your reassurance and support. We are asking that parents do not enter the classrooms unless essential; we would like to start our morning routine of Threshold from Monday. Masks must be worn and social distancing must be adhered to at all times.

Term Planner

Our term planner is on our website and we will be referring to next week as Week 2 as per normal.

Covid – 19 Plan

The plan will be updated and sent out to all families next week. Hygiene practices and cleaning procedures will continue to be put into place as per the requirements from the government. We ask that all parents continue the frequent use of hand sanitiser and maintain social distancing requirements at all times.

SafeWA App

There is no requirement for parents to sign in using this app on the school site. If you come to collect your child throughout the day, you will be required to sign in through our Pass Tab system as per normal.

Canteen

Our canteen will be open from Wednesday to Friday as per normal.

Out of School Care

We welcome Andy back as the Coordinator for Camp Australia. Parents will receive information from Camp Australia in regards to next week. At this stage, normal care will proceed unless there is a change of circumstance over the weekend.

Bushfires

Our thoughts go out to all of those affected by the bushfires. Thank you to our emergency service crews and the many volunteers who have been working tirelessly over the duration and continue to do so. As a school community we will look at what support we can provide to those who have lost everything in these fires. We can only imagine how devastating such a loss would be.

We look forward to seeing everyone on Monday and will continue to keep you updated should there be any changes over the weekend. Please ensure you follow our guidelines so that we can keep our community safe.

Take care and enjoy the weekend.

Warm regards

Bec Burns
Principal

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