

Friday 9th July, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am writing to provide some further clarity regarding COVID-19 requirements for the start of school next week Tuesday, 13 July. We are approaching this online learning period slightly differently to last year due to the finite nature of it (4 days at this stage).

The latest news for NSW appears that the restrictions currently in place for the greater Sydney area and Central Coast will continue until 16 July.

In the meantime, a reminder of the following requirements in our school.

General health requirement from NSW Health

Parents and carers are reminded that students must not attend school if they are unwell, even with the mildest of symptoms. Students must return a negative COVID-19 test and be symptom-free prior to returning to school.

Visitors to the school

Visitors to the school are not permitted. If parents require a meeting, we will endeavour to do this via phone or zoom.

Masks and social distancing

Primary students are not required to wear masks or social distance. Every effort will be made to ensure that classrooms are ventilated. Staff will be required to wear masks when indoors.

Hygiene

Hand sanitiser will be readily available in all classrooms. Additional cleaning of the school will continue. The bubblers will be closed until further notice.

School Canteen

There has been an update on school canteens which now are **not** to open during the online learning period. If your child is attending school, you must ensure that they have a good supply of food for the day and their own water bottle which can be refilled (the bubblers will not be operational).

External Providers

We do have a number of external providers who often connect with our school. At present we are unable to have any external providers onsite – these include after school dance, netball, language, occupational therapists, music tutors.

Excursions

Currently all school excursions and incursions are cancelled.



School Organisation for Week 1

Monday 12th July - School Development Day - all staff working from home participating in online professional learning & zoom meetings - no student supervision will be provided

Tuesday 13th July - Friday 16th July – the school is open ONLY to students & families who need it - minimal staff supervision will be provided. One unit of learning will be provided to students whether they be at school or working from home.

Learning from Home

Teachers will share a morning video each day via Class Dojo. The focus for work for these four days is revision and practice of prior literacy and numeracy learning.

K-2 - Teachers will provide a hard copy learning pack which can be picked up via Kiss and Go on Monday afternoon between 2pm and 3pm and Tuesday morning between 9am and 10am. Staff will be at the front of the school and will pass packs in through passenger windows.

3-6 - Teachers will post work for the week on Google Classroom. They will not be engaging with students on Google Classroom throughout the day but will be available to parents via Class Dojo if necessary.

Our focus is on the safety of our school community, so thank you for everything that you have been doing during the period of this pandemic. It has been a trying time; however, your assistance has been much appreciated.

Thank you for your help in the above, and thank you for your support as we continue to work together in the education of your children.

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