

Monday 19th July, 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support over the past week.

As you would be aware, NSW Health updated the COVID advice on Saturday. While the school will remain open for those who need it, Principals have been asked to reduce onsite staffing to an “absolute minimum.”

The key message from NSW Health is that parents must keep children at home where they can. Students will be supported to learn from home.

If your child will be attending, please note the following:

1. If your child is at all unwell, they must not come to school and should be tested if they have even the mildest COVID symptoms. Students must return a negative COVID-19 test and be symptom-free prior to returning to school.
2. The canteen and bubblers will remain closed. Please send a nutritious lunch and a water bottle with your child.
3. No visitors on site.
4. Please continue to check NSW Health if you wish to see the latest guidelines and hotspots.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact us. A reminder that our **COVID-19 Learning from Home hub**, found on the home page of our school website, has a copy of all correspondence sent home for you to refer to.

Changes for Schools

1. All staff are now required to wear masks or face coverings at all times. This now includes when working outdoors, in the playground or on school grounds when working with other people.
2. All non-essential construction activities will cease across Greater Sydney until July 30.

Students using public transport

School buses will run as normal for morning pick up and afternoon drop off.

K-2 Learning Packs

Thank you everyone for your support in distributing K-2 Learning Packs this morning. It was great to see your smiling faces and say a brief hello.



Zoom

Thank you for your patience and understanding with teachers using Zoom to connect with students today. This was our first day using this platform and as anticipated, there were some initial issues.

Moving forward we do hope that things run smoothly. We want to stay connected with your children but please do not stress if for any reason your child misses their check-in, we'll make sure we catch-up with them at some point during the week. Please just let your child's class teacher know that they are unable to make the Zoom.

Thank you

I would like to thank the community for your kind words of encouragement and gratitude shared with teachers through Class Dojo and other platforms over the past week.

I would like to acknowledge the work and commitment of all staff and their dedication to creating learning from home platforms and learning new digital platforms like Zoom.

This is a time of disruption and uncertainty for everyone and I am grateful for the support and understanding of our whole school community.

Attendance

Today we sent out a link to an attendance survey that we need all parents to complete. This will help us with planning to ensure we have sufficient staff to supervise students in attendance. If you haven't already, please go onto your child's Class Dojo and complete this form. Your assistance with this is appreciated.

Please also remember that Zoom is our platform for marking student attendance. If your child will not be in a Zoom meeting but will be engaging in either the set learning from home work or other learning activities throughout the day, please notify your child's class teacher.

Please take care and stay safe.

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