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Dear Parents/Carers

IMPORTANT INFORMATION **COVID 19 UPDATE – ADVICE FOR FAMILIES**

This week, all NSW schools have been issued with an updated COVID-19 directive to take immediate effect from Wednesday 19 August. Please familiarise yourself with the latest update to school operations:

Flu-like symptoms

- In accordance with advice from NSW Health, parents/carers are not to send children to school if they are unwell, even if they have the mildest flu-like symptoms. Schools will have to make arrangements for students who present as unwell or have flu-like symptoms to be sent home.
- Students and staff with flu-like symptoms will need to provide a copy of a negative COVID-19 test result before being permitted to return to school.
- Schools are not required to conduct widespread temperature screening or mandate the wearing of a mask.

Entry on school grounds

- Essential visitors only are permitted on school grounds.
- Grose View Public School will still allow parents to enter the designated 'green zone' during pick-up and drop-off times, or for essential front office business or meetings with the principal.
- School gates will remain closed until 2.50 pm each afternoon.
- All parents are required to be off school grounds by 3.20 pm.

Kindergarten orientation visits

- At this stage, Kindergarten orientation visits cannot proceed. Instead, we will be developing virtual tours for new students and families. Individual student and parent tours can be organised for exceptional circumstances.

Year 7 transition visits

- At this stage, transition visits to Colo High School cannot proceed. Instead, students will participate in a series of live online lessons and high school experiences. Students with complex transition needs may still be able to visit the school through prior arrangement.

Athletics carnival

- At this stage, the school athletics will still proceed, however, there will be a number of significant restrictions. Parents are not permitted to attend the carnival. Students will be required to remain in age/stage groups. The carnival will be held at Grose View Public School. Some events may need to be modified or removed if unable to be run safely.

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Cross country carnival

- At this stage, the cross country will still proceed, however, there will be some restrictions. Parents are not permitted to attend the carnival. Students will be required to remain in age/stage groups.

3-Way interviews (parent/teacher/student interviews)

- Face-to-face 3-way conferences will not proceed, however, Zoom meetings will be made available for families wanting to discuss their child's learning. In exceptional circumstances a face-to-face meeting can be arranged to discuss a serious or complex learning and support issue.

P&C meetings

- At this stage, face-to-face P&C meetings will not proceed. All meetings must be held online.

Assemblies

- School assemblies may continue but must be limited to 15 minutes and cohorts of students are kept together. There should be no external visitors including parents and carers.

COVID safe food handling

- Please be reminded that safe food handling procedures still apply, including cakes and cupcakes for birthdays. Parents are not permitted to send their child to school with any homemade cakes or cupcakes to share with the class on special days. Please ensure all products are store bought and sealed.

Year 6 farewell

- Although significant restrictions have been placed on school and community events involving large numbers, the Year 6 teachers are still actively planning alternative arrangements to ensure students still receive some form of farewell celebration.

We understand and deeply appreciate the impact that many of these restrictions have upon students and families. Please know that we are doing all that we can to provide students with a rich and fulfilling school experience, while ensuring we remain within the COVID safe guidelines. All decisions regarding operations are in line with Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) and NSW Health advice.

Should you wish to discuss any of these matters further please feel free to contact the school.

Yours sincerely

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Principal