

Term 3 Week 1 Organisation for Parents

Dear Parents,

As many of you may be aware, the COVID-19 restrictions require us to resume online learning for the commencement of Term 3. School will remain open with minimal staffing to provide supervision to students who are in attendance. Families are encouraged to keep their children at home wherever possible, but no child will be turned away from school unless they are sick.

The Department of Education has classified us as being in Level 4 restrictions. A picture of the restriction levels has been included below, for your information.

NSW Department of Education

COVID-Safe School Operations

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
COVID normal Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none">Students are learning at schoolActivities can occur with COVID-safe plans in placeQR Codes in placeStaff and students may choose to wear a mask	Limited restrictions Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none">Students are learning at schoolRestrictions to ensure activities are COVID-safe such as singing outdoorsNo non-essential visitorsQR Codes in placeRecommended masks indoors for all staff and secondary students	Significant restrictions Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none">Students are learning at schoolRestrictions on activities to reduce mingling of student cohorts wherever possibleRestrictions on activities such as assemblies, school performances and singingNo non-essential visitorsQR Codes in placeMandatory masks indoors for all staff and secondary students	Learning from home Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none">Schools activate plans to support continuity of education for students learning from home. No student is turned awayReduce mingling of student cohorts wherever possibleNo non-essential visitorsQR Codes in placeMandatory masks indoors for all staff and secondary students

Determined by NSW Health

What will children be learning?

All children from each stage group will be learning from the one unit of work, whether they are learning from home or in attendance at school.

Supervision will be provided for students at school, but they may not necessarily be with their usual class teacher.

The school will be operating with minimal teacher supervision. **Teachers who are on site** will be responsible for the students who arrive at school each day. This means that they will not be able to answer online questions or offer support to students who are working from home as they will be doing this with the students at school.

Teachers who are working remotely will be responsible for responding to student/parent questions and troubleshooting as required. This means that every child working remotely will have access to teacher support, it just may be the case that it is not your child's classroom teacher answering questions or supporting your child with their online learning. Teachers will be online during between 8.30am and 4.00pm. Teachers will respond to questions during this time. If you email outside of these hours, you will receive a response the next time teachers are online.

Please monitor your Class Dojo for weekly schedules and links to learning activities. Weekly timetables will be sent to families prior to the week commencing to ensure that families have time to organise home learning schedules. The delivery of daily lessons for K-2 and 3-6 will be slightly different.

Students who are in **Kindergarten, Year 1 or Year 2** will be provided with a weekly overview on Tuesday morning through ClassDojo, which will have all the lessons within the unit of work attached. **The learning will be shared through Class Dojo by 8:30am.** Parents will be able to download and print the lessons. We encourage parents to check in each morning by 9:30am to communicate with the class teachers and for attendance purposes.

Students who are in Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 or Year 6 will be completing their work through Google Classroom. The work shared each day will align with the weekly timetable. Class teachers will release each day's learning the day before by 4:00pm to support parent preparation for the day ahead. Parents will be able to download and print the lessons where technology is not accessible. For work completed offline, parents can share evidence of learning in student portfolios on Class Dojo.

Stage 2 and Stage 3 students will be required to check in each morning before 9:30am to begin their school day. Students can check in on Google Classroom each morning by answering the daily question. Where this is not possible, parents are asked to message the teacher via Class Dojo.

If you are not able to get access to technology, the school has some technology available for students to borrow. If you require technological support, please contact the school office. We will also be providing paper copies for those families who cannot print at home. These can be collected on Tuesday morning at the school gates. If you require a paper copy, please contact your teacher via ClassDojo.

If you have any questions about any of this, please contact the school office.

What about attendance?

If your child engages with learning in some way while they are home each day, they will be marked as 'Flexible' attendance. This means they will be marked as if they were at school, and it will not impact on their attendance percentage.

Engagement in learning means completing all/some of the daily activities provided. Parents in K-2 will need to let their child's teacher know through ClassDojo that their child has started learning. Parents/students in years 3-6 will need to indicate via Google Classrooms that students have begun online learning. This will need to be done between the hours of 8.30am and 9.30am each day.

What if my child is sick?

Staff and students must not attend school if unwell, even with mild symptoms of COVID-19. Any person with any COVID-19 symptoms must be sent home and not return to school unless:

- they have isolated for 10 days, when no medical certificate is available.
- they have a negative COVID-19 test result and are symptom free.

In circumstances where children or staff have other medical reasons for recurrent symptoms, a letter from their GP is sufficient to negate the requirement for a negative test.

How should parents and carers communicate with the school?

Our main channel of communication with parents and carers will be via Class Dojo. Our parent Facebook group will also be used for any updates, so please check regularly.

You may telephone the school for any individual inquiries. Also, one of our amazing office staff will be at the front gate each morning from 8.45am – 9.00am if you need any further information.

Is the canteen open?

No. Unfortunately, no parents are allowed on site.

Will the Athletics Carnival go ahead?

This has been postponed at this stage. We are still allowed to do class sport though.

Will the Education Week Assembly and open day go ahead?

No. We will publish the dance group performances and a couple of other items on our Facebook page during Education Week.

What about masks?

Staff are required to wear masks in all indoor settings.

Students in primary school are not required to wear masks. Students may wear masks if desired.

What about physical distancing?

Students are not required to maintain physical distancing.

It is essential that all staff are vigilant in maintaining 1.5m physical distancing wherever practicable in accordance with NSW Health requirements.

Will scripture go ahead?

No. Not until we are at level 1 restrictions.

Can we hold P&C meetings and events?

No. Not until we are at level 1 restrictions.

Can my child use the bubblers?

At this stage, yes. However, we recommend that students bring in their own drink bottle and use the bottle filling taps provided.

What about morning and afternoon routines?

We appreciate your understanding and commitment to following the Government Guidelines and staying off our school grounds and maintaining the physical distancing rules.

Before school your children will be welcomed at the front gate, but we ask that you say your farewells at the gate and do not enter the school. There will be an entry gate and an exit gate.

After school, we would appreciate you waiting in the **Green Zone** (the area just inside the front gate, behind the silver seats. There will be signs indicating where the **Green Zone** is). This will provide families with the space to maintain social distancing and prioritise student safety. It is imperative that you maintain the 4 square metre rule and don't go further than the silver seats. We would encourage parents to wear masks at this time.

Buses will operate as normal at this time and students will continue to exit the school as normal.

Please ensure you are maintaining the 4sqm rule when waiting near other parents.

While we have tried to outline everything here, there still may be changes to the restrictions and guidelines. We will continue to keep you updated as more information comes through.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to keeping us all safe.

Take care,

Matt Carter

Principal