



Wednesday 20 May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you would be aware, in accordance with advice from the Department of Education, all students return to school full time on Monday 25 May. Current health advice is that schools are safe places with the hygiene and cleaning practices in place and the best outcomes for our students are that they are back at school engaging in their learning with their class teacher. It is expected all students return to school on Monday unless they are unwell or have a medical certificate to support staying home.

Staggered school start times

We will be introducing a staggered start and finish time to support parents in physical distancing during drop off and pick up of students. It is expected that parents will remain outside of school grounds. Teachers will meet classes at the gate in the morning and walk them back to the gates at the appropriate time in the afternoon.

The times and gates for drop off and pick up are as follows:

| Classes | Drop off Time | Drop off Gate | Pick up Time | Pick up Gate |
|---------|---------------|------------------|--------------|------------------|
| 5/6K | 9:00am | Bus company gate | 3:00pm | Bus company gate |
| 4/5M | 9:00am | Main school gate | 3:00pm | Main school gate |
| 3/4A | 9:15am | Bus company gate | 3:15pm | Bus company gate |
| 2/3S | 9:15am | Main school gate | 3:15pm | Main school gate |
| K/1R | 9:30am | Main school gate | 3:30pm | Main school gate |
| KB | 9:30am | Main school gate | 3:30pm | Main school gate |

Our parents have been excellent at 'kiss and drop' and waiting at the gate, we hope you will continue to do this to support physical distancing.

Cleaning

The Department of Education has organised additional cleaning of the school throughout the day, including toilets.

Hygiene Practices

Current advice is that students do not need to follow physical distancing guidelines, although teachers and other adults do. Students should follow good hygiene practices such as regularly washing hands, not sharing food and drinks and coughing or sneezing into elbows or a tissue which they throw away immediately. We are working with our students to ensure good hygiene practices. Hand washing protocols



are in place across the school throughout the day and we will continue to implement these. We have also received some hand sanitiser should it be required.

Should your child be unwell, you must keep them at home.

Students are discouraged from using the bubblers, even though they are regularly cleaned. All students must bring a water bottle with them each day that has their name on it. For those students who do not have a water bottle, we have some available. Please ensure your child's name is on their water bottle, we will write names on them if they come to school unnamed.

Lunch and recess

Lunch will be at normal time, 11:30am – 12:30pm, although recess will be slightly earlier at 2:15pm – 2:35pm to accommodate the earlier finishing times for some classes. Teachers may start eating time for each break earlier to provide time for students to wash their hands, finish eating and wash their hands again before going to play.

Canteen

Our canteen will be open from next week, and students may order their lunch before they go into class. There will be a limited menu. Cheryl does adhere to strict hygiene practices as is required of any person managing a canteen.

Curriculum and Learning

There will no longer be an online option for students from Monday 25 May. It is expected that all students return to school and engage in learning in their class.

What to bring

- Pencils, glue etc.
- Recess and lunch if required
- A water bottle with your child's name on it
- Hat

Further advice from the Department of Education is available on our website.

We are really looking forward to having all of our classes back at school. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

C. Butler
Principal