



## Q&A for Parents and Carers

### 1. How will students be attending school in week 3?

As of Monday 11 May, every child will commence participating in learning at school, one day per week whilst continuing to engage with a single unit of work at home and school. Families are encouraged to keep their child/ren at home for the rest of the week, wherever possible. Daily attendance remains for students whose families are unable to support them at home. Our school planning has prioritised for every child to return to school and engage in learning with their classroom teacher.

### 2. What day will my child be required to attend school?

To support the need to maintain smaller class sizes in order to meet social distancing requirements, our school has organised for students (K-2) to attend on either Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. Students (3-6) to attend on Monday, Wednesday or Friday.

Families with siblings across stages K-2 with 3-6 are given preference to attend on Monday or Wednesday. This week, class teachers will inform parents of the day in which their child/ren will be expected to be at school.

### 3. How can students access their weekly Learning Plans?

Prior to each learning week, Learning Plans will be made available every Friday for Parents and Carers on our School Website. This will provide parents an opportunity to plan for their week ahead. Offline learning packs can be collected from our school office at 2pm-3pm every Friday or 8:30am-10am every Monday by parents whose child/ren are not accessing online learning.

### 4. When do students submit their completed work?

Students accessing online learning will be asked to submit two highlighted tasks to their teacher on a daily basis. Teacher feedback will be provided during face to face teaching and throughout the week. Students accessing offline learning will be asked to return their completed work to their class teacher on the following week.

### 5. What are the suggested curriculum requirements for learning from home and school?

Teachers (K-2) are providing 2.5 hours of daily learning tasks whilst teachers (3-6) are providing 3 hours. This term, all students (K-6) will engage in 30 minutes of daily wellbeing, sport, physical activity. The importance of every students' health and psychological wellbeing is of great importance, particularly during this extended period of online learning.

Daily priority is given to English and Mathematics. Every day, students are required to engage in English for 45-60 minutes and in mathematics for 30-45 minutes. Teachers are also assigning learning tasks in other curriculum areas across the week. Times to these curriculum tasks vary from 30-60 minutes for students in K-2 classes and 60-90 minutes for students in 3-6 classes.

### 6. How can students contact their teacher whilst working from home?

Students can contact their teacher via Seesaw (K-2) or Google Classroom (3-6). Student messages are actioned by teachers within 24 hours during school working hours (8:30am to 3:30pm) At this point in time, we are asking teachers and students to work in new ways and are looking forward to commencing face to face teaching and learning with our students, one day a week. This will enable weekly face to face check-ins to now occur.



## **7. Is it compulsory for my child to now attend school?**

Parents and Carers are now strongly encouraged to send their child to school on their allocated day. If you are keeping your child at home due to an underlying health condition, please advise your child's class teacher. If a parent or carer deem there are personal circumstances preventing their child/ren attending school on their allocated day, please contact the school to discuss this further with our School Principal, Ms Anastasia Galanos.

## **8. Is it safe for students and teachers to now return to school?**

Our school has taken a number of further actions to promote social distancing and increased hygiene practices to help reduce the risk of COVID-19. These include:

- Promoting social distancing by providing clear markings to guide our community on appropriate social distancing where they are required to line up or queue such as entry at school gates.
- Re-arranging class furniture to leave as much space as possible between students.
- Ensuring staff and students who are unwell, stay home.
- Where groups of staff do need to meet on the school site, social distancing of at least 1.5 metres are now in place.
- Washing hands for 20 seconds with soap and water at regular intervals throughout the day, particularly before and after eating and after going to the toilet.
- Hand sanitiser distributed throughout the school for use by staff and students.
- Ensuring that any student or staff member who is at an increased risk if they contract COVID-19 is supported to learn or work from home.
- Students not sharing stationary, food or drink. This requires students to bring their own stationary, water bottle and food to school.

Recently, Murat Dizdar, Deputy Secretary for Department of Education presented a series of questions to Dr Jan Fizzell, Medical Advisor for Department of Health in an interview that was recorded for parents. Please click on the link below to familiarise yourself with this information.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families#Video0>

## **9. What do I do if my child is unwell to attend school or learn from home?**

Teachers and office staff continue to care for every student and monitor attendance to ensure that all our students are continuing to engage in their learning. It is important for Parents and Carers to contact the school office and inform the school if your child is unwell during home learning and/or the assigned day of learning at school. This helpful information will enable our office staff to update your child's attendance record. Teachers and/or office staff will make phone contact after 2 days of an unexplained absence. This includes two or more consecutive days of a child not engaged in learning remotely.

## **10. As a parent, am I required to keep a distance from the school?**

In line with social distancing measures, we highly recommend that as of week 3, Parents and Carers where possible, use our new Kiss and Drop approach and contact the school by phone or email as required.

## **11. How will the new Kiss and Drop approach work for families?**

For the safety and increased social distancing measures of our students and staff, all Parents are encouraged to kiss and drop their child/ren at the school entry gate on Georges River Road or the entry gate in Seymour Street. All other



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gates remain closed during this time. Staff will be at both entry gates to welcome students in the morning and support Parents and Carers during afternoon home time. We kindly ask all our community to please respect this interim change and be mindful of at least 1.5 social distancing measures when interacting with our community.

## **12. Will before and after school care continue in week 3?**

Yes, our before and after school care is an essential service for our families and will remain open. Gates to enter this service will be closed at 8:30am in the morning and will be open from 3:30pm in the afternoon.