



# FLINDERS PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## COVID-19 Phase 3 Guidelines

Friday, 5 June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

With Phase Three changes coming into effect on **Monday 8th June**, some of our school processes will be changing. The following information is to inform you of these changes and how they will impact on the school community.

- Year 1 – 6 students will revert back to having recess and lunch together. They will sit in their normal designated areas to eat (Please note the changes to bell times below);
  - Recess and Lunch time slots have been modified, with an increase in the recess time period and a decrease in the lunch time period:
  - Start of School – 8:50 am;
  - Recess – 11:00 – 11:30 pm (30 mins);
  - Lunch – 1:00 – 1:40 pm (40 mins);
  - End of School – 3:10 pm.
- Parents/Carers and visitors may come onto the school site to **attend pre-arranged meetings and for drop off and pick up purposes**. This is to be limited to 100 people with physical distancing of one person per 2 square metres and good hygiene practices.

The most significant of these changes is Parents/Carers coming back on school grounds. We know that many of you have found this a difficult time not having that contact and interaction with your child's teacher and class.

Unfortunately Phase 3 guidelines do not allow a complete return to normal function. There are still some significant restrictions in place and being a large school we are impacted greatly by these restrictions.

Although parents/carers are allowed back on school grounds for pre-arranged meetings and drop off and pick up purposes we are constrained by the **100 people on site and the physically distancing rule of one person per 2 square metres**. As you would be aware, classrooms are not large places, so complying with the 2 square metre rule for adults would be very difficult to manage. The school grounds would also be difficult to enforce this rule as they are large and as you would know there are many entry points.

In order for us to comply with these conditions we have put in place the following:

- Where possible, we would like parents to continue drop off and pick up at the school boundaries;
- If it is necessary, parents may enter school property to drop off and pick up their children;
- Parents are requested not to enter classrooms, but drop off students at classroom doors;
- Kindy/PP student pick up is from 3:00pm and Year 1 – 6 student pick up is from 3:10pm, we ask that you do not come into the school building before this time;
- No students on school site before 8:30am with the exception of bus students. Parents who go to work early, need to pre-organised early drop off with the School Administration;

- Teachers will be preparing for the school day and working one on one with students from 8:30am so we ask that parents ring the Administration to organise interviews outside of this time;
- We would ask that parents/carers do not come into the school buildings unless for a prearranged meeting or specific purpose in order to comply with stated conditions;
- Pre-organise where you would like to meet your child/ren after school to save having to come onto the school grounds to collect; and then
- In the afternoons, we ask that you do not come into the school buildings unless for a pre-arranged meeting. For any other specific purpose, please speak to the Administration to organise to meet the class teacher.

Other important information:

- Students will be allowed access to all play equipment, including the Bush Areas and Thingy-ball Court; Play Equipment will be continued to be cleaned on a daily basis during the morning period;
- Whole school assemblies will not occur, as they do not meet the restriction of **100 people in an enclosed building**;
- Monday morning's Junior and Middle Courtyard meetings will commence again; however, they will be based in the Assembly Hall. The Senior Courtyard Meeting will continue to be done via Web-ex;
- Canteen will continue with the take away arrangements as per Weeks 3 -6 of this term;
- Cross Country will occur next week. Arrangements to allow parents to watch will be made next week, and parents will be informed;
- Attendance: (remains as previous)
  - All students are expected to attend school, except for those students medically referred to learn from home;
  - If a student does not attend school without a medical reason, they will be marked as absent and will not be provided with a learning program; and
  - Students with medical conditions who are not able to attend school will be supported to learn from home.
  - Sick children must remain at home until fully recovered before returning to school. Well siblings, of sick children, can continue to attend school and do not need to be kept at home.
- Hand hygiene and the 2 metre rule will remain a priority across all areas of the school;

We realise this is not ideal and many parents/carers are keen to get back into classes. However, on a positive note, we would also like to see the independence and resilience, we have observed across the whole school, to continue, with the students independently going to class and exiting at home time.

We thank all for your cooperation and support as we try to manage this gradual relaxation of the restrictions.

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Deputy Principals