

Parent Update #4 for Term 2 2020

Dear parents and care givers,

Once again, we thank you for being so patient, accommodating and supportive during our first two weeks back at school and for your continued messages of appreciation and support.

Some new points to note in this update:

- This week we have averaged around 75 % of students attending and 20% undertaking Off Site Learning.
- Next week we expect to see a considerable number of our students returning to school and it is most likely that they will have their usual classroom teacher.
- A reminder to Parents and students: please do not arrive at school before 8.30 am in the morning and 2.30 pm in the afternoon. This supports our efforts to promote Social Distancing.
- Thank you parents for continuing to support the request to not enter the school grounds.
- If your child is in any way sick, the Department of Educations request remains that you please do not send them to school.
- We have had confirmed cases of Chicken Pox in two of our classes (same siblings). This has been attended to in strict accordance with health guidelines and the children will remain away from class until the mandated period has elapsed. Be vigilant for signs of this infection – symptoms of which can include fever, fatigue and a generalised red rash characterised by small vesicles(blisters) that rupture to form crusts (Govt of WA, Department of Health - Communicable Diseases Guidelines 2017). If you suspect your child may be infected, isolate them at home, contact the school to let us know and see a Doctor. On balance children remain well during these episodes however the rash can be discomforting.
- Traffic. Many thanks to all of our families for being careful in and around our carparks this term. The staggering of start and finish times for Kindy and Pre Primary has seen a marked improvement in the easing of traffic congestion and availability of parking spaces. A great outcome. The school is considering keeping this arrangement into the future given its success in alleviating parking and traffic flow issues and minimal disruption to learning.

Reminders:

If your drop off or pick up time is the earlier of the two, please leave promptly to create more available spaces.

**Please do not use Rossiter Avenue as a drop off or pick up opportunity.
IT IS ILLEGAL AND DANGEROUS.**

- A big thank you to Ms Harris, a family member of our school community, who very generously donated cleaning goods that have been put to good use around the school and were greatly appreciated by staff. Great community spirit.

Before School Arrival - Not Before 8.30am

Kindergarten

- Students to be dropped off at the Early Childhood gates after **8.45am**.
- Students will be escorted from the gate by a staff member to the classroom.
- Please be patient and maintain Physical distancing while this occurs. Please be on time.

Pre-Primary

- Students to be dropped off at the Early Childhood gates at **8.30am**.
- Students will be escorted from the gate by a staff member to the classroom.
- Please be patient and maintain Physical distancing while this occurs. Please be on time.

Year 1

To enter via the gates adjacent to the year one block on Sunray Avenue no earlier than 8.30 am.

Years 2 to Year 6

- Students to be dropped off / enter at the school gates around the school after 8.30am
- Students will proceed to directly their classroom.

All students who are late must enter via the Front Office. Staff will escort them to classrooms.

After School Pick Up

Kindergarten:

Students will be ready for pick up at **2.45 pm** from the Early Childhood gates.

Pre Primary:

Remains as: Students will be ready for pick up at **2.30pm from the Basketball Courts.**

Parents are to assemble behind the Covered Assembly area as indicated on the map and will move to the Basketball Courts via the inside gate where they will pick up their children and exit via the gate at the Rossiter Oval side of the Courts. Pathways will be indicated using arrows on the ground. Please follow these pathways. Staff will be present to assist parents.

Year one:

For students in Teaching Block 2, students will be at the gate where your child entered the school in the morning on the southern side of the Administration block. This will commence at the normal school finish time of 2.40pm.

Mrs Donohue's and Ms Alberton's year one classes will continue to be picked up at 2.40 pm at the gates on the other (Northern) side of the Admin block on Sunray Avenue.

- Please be patient and maintain physical distancing while this occurs. – you may need to bring an umbrella!

Year 2 - Year 6:

Students will be dismissed from classrooms at 2.40 pm and exit via the closest gate to their classroom.

- **Parents should ensure they have arranged a meeting place outside of the school gates if you are picking up students.**

Out of school hours care.

OSH classroom drop off and pick up is working well and they have aligned to our new times. Parents may not enter the school to drop off or pick up their children as per OHS club guidelines. Any questions should be directed to your OSH contacts via the normal communication methods.

A Directive from the Director General of Education.

Unwell Students. If your child displays any signs or symptoms of illness, you must keep them at home. If a student displays **any** signs of illness at school, parents will be expected to collect them immediately – without delay.

Recess and Lunch.

- Students are strongly encouraged; and will be reminded and guided to maintain the physical distancing expectations of the community which are still in place.
- Lunch time will include rearranged seating areas for eating as has been our practice.
- Playground equipment will be open/available in fine weather and equipment will be cleaned after use.
- Students are not permitted to bring any play equipment from home (as per usual).

We are reintroducing balls for play over time however, any games that require or involve physical contact are not permitted.

Attendance.

The school continues to monitor, record and follow-up attendance as per normal during this time. Please continue to advise the school if your child is absent on any school day.

Continuing to choose Off Site Learning.

I must remind parents that are continuing to choose Off Site Learning for their children that you must actively encourage your children to engage with this learning and support your child with content wherever possible. We will continue to have a teacher resource contact at school to manage the delivery of the Off Site curriculum and be a point of contact if you have questions or concerns. If you cannot access your class Seesaw app please use the regular school contact process.

This is your undertaking that children will remain at home, every day, completing our Education Programs. Parents cannot pick and choose attendance days.

If you choose for your child to recommence school, please let the school know one day prior and commencement will be the following day.

See you at the gate,

Noel Morgan, Principal, Aspiri Primary School.