

## Parent Update #5 for Term 2 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

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

### **URGENT: New Information from the Government of Western Australia and Department of Education.**

As you are aware, when Term 2 started, current arrangements were to be reviewed ahead of Week 4, 18 May 2020. The Western Australian Government has now reviewed current arrangements and updated them in line with the latest health advice. Current Health advice states that schools are safe for staff and students and should be open.

**As of Monday, 18 May 2020 all students are expected to attend school, except for those students medically referred to learn from home.**

This means students are either:

- at school;
- have a **medical referral for themselves or an at risk family member living in the home** to learn from home:
- unwell and stay at home; or
- recorded as absent if they do not attend.

**Students with a medical referral will be supported through the School of Special Educational Needs: Medical and Mental Health to learn from home.**

**Please advise the school if you are intending to seek this exemption and have a medical clearance. The school must then complete a form and send it to the School of Special Educational Needs for ratification and curriculum provision.**

If a student does not attend school without a medical reason, they will be marked as absent and **will not** be provided a learning program.

The library will now be made available for classes. However, no books may be taken from the library; so borrowing will not be allowed until advised. Same goes for class readers. No readers are to be sent home as this time.

Specialist programs will now return to their home rooms.

An additional gate will be opened on the south side of Teaching Block 2 (year one block) each afternoon for pick up to help alleviate congestion and Social Distancing concerns.

In the mornings, gates will be closed at around 8.50 am. Any students arriving late up until this time can enter class and teachers can mark them as late.

Semester one reporting remains as previously advised and reports will only contain comments outlining progress in subjects, a general comment and Attitude, Behaviour and Effort judgements.

The advice with regards to social distancing in schools, environmental cleaning and hygiene remains unchanged from previous AHPPC advice, including parents/carers and visitors not permitted to enter school grounds.

**Reminders:**

- **If your drop off or pick up time is the earlier of the two, please leave promptly to create more available spaces in our carparks for later pickups.**
- **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. At this time this is not negotiable.**
- **Please DO NOT use Rossiter Avenue as a drop off or pick up opportunity. IT IS ILLEGAL AND DANGEROUS.**

**Note the following arrangements remain in place:**

**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 1:

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.

**Ms Beeson and Ms Blyth's classes are now being released at the small side gate adjacent to their classrooms in order to ease overcrowding and support Social distancing requirements.**

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.

### 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 have reintroduced balls for play over time however, any games that require or involve physical contact are still not permitted.

### Attendance.

As of Monday, 18 May 2020 all students are required to attend school as normal (apart from those identified by the school for exemption).

The school will record and follow-up attendance as per normal from now on. Please continue to advise the school if your child is absent on any school day.

### Continuing to choose Off Site Learning.

This will no longer be an option for parents as of Monday, 18 May 2020 – unless an exemption has been approved.

At this time, it is our understanding that exempt students learning needs will be supported by the team at the School of special Educational Needs: Medical and Mental Health.

See you at the gate,

Noel Morgan, Principal, Aspiri Primary School.