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Dear Parents/Carers,

STAGGERED RETURN BACK TO FACE-TO-FACE TEACHING



The best learning environment for students is in the classroom and we are looking forward to welcoming back our staff and students to their classrooms in Term 4. We know that while there will be excitement, there will also be some uncertainty about being back together at school.

Our Department of Education has worked with NSW Health on our COVID-safe plan to return to school sites and have put in place effective practices: vaccinations for all staff on site, mask wearing, reduced mingling of staff and student groups, ventilation in classrooms and continued good hygiene and cleaning. We are confident that this, in combination with support from our whole school community, will minimise risk and help to keep students learning face-to-face next to their peers.



Principles underpinning our return to school approach

The following principles underpin these guidelines:

- Our key priority is the safety and wellbeing of our students, staff and school communities.
 - We will always be guided by the latest Australian Health Protection Principal Committee and NSW Health advice and will keep all settings under review as that advice changes or is updated.
- Existing infection control protocols at schools, combined with new COVID safety measures will help to maintain the health and safety of our students, staff and school communities. These include:
 - mandatory vaccination of all staff on school site, and vaccinations strongly encouraged for all eligible students
 - mask wearing by all staff and optional for students
 - effective ventilation in all learning spaces, as well as use of outside spaces
 - learning in small cohorts, with physical distancing and reduced mixing of students
 - minimal onsite visitors
 - staggered start, break and end times
 - strict hygiene procedures, including sanitiser use and intensive cleaning.
 - As students return to face-to-face learning we will balance the wellbeing of students with the return to classroom teaching and learning.

Drop offs and pick-ups

We respectfully ask that you follow our drop off and pick up guidelines, starting Monday 18 October 2021.

Morning drop off: Please drop your child at the Old Kent Road gate as close to 9:00am as possible. I will be at the gate, guiding students and asking them to go straight to their classes.



Pick up time: The pick up will be staggered to ensure that we are not mixing our cohorts. We are asking for your support and patience until a routine is established with our students.

Pick Up (Home Time)– Old Kent Road

2:40pm KE & 1/2E

Will be lining up near the silver seat, closest to the gate. Teachers releasing students to parents outside the gates. We are trialling not waiting for siblings. Each cohort will be walked to the gate and released to the parents.

2:50 3/4D

3/4D students to wait on synthetic grass area where teacher and students are still able to view the gate. Once most K-2 students are gone, teachers proceed with walking students to cars and release to parents.

2:55 - 3:00pm 4/5W and 5/6R Wait under COLA – Once most students picked up, teachers walk students to the gate and release to parents.

To ensure that we are complying with Covid safe guidelines we also ask that you follow the following guidelines:

- staying in the car when dropping off and picking up children if it is safe to do so following the physical distancing advice and avoid gathering outside the school gates
- remaining outside school grounds
- adhering to mask-wearing requirements in accordance with the Public Health Order
- signing in using the Service NSW QR code if needing to enter the school.

COVID-safe conditions

Staff vaccination requirements

As per the Public Health (COVID-19 Vaccination of Education and Care Workers) Order 2021, released 23 September 2021:

An education and care worker must not carry out relevant work on or after 8 November 2021 unless the worker has:

had two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine, or
been issued with a medical contraindication certificate.

Work includes:

work done under a contract of service or a contract for services

work done as a volunteer or for a charitable organisation

work done by a student on a student placement

work done on a temporary basis, including while acting in or filling an office or other role because of a vacancy or absence.



Our School's Safe Return Plan.

KPS Covid Plan for our staggered return.

Playing areas:

KE AND 1/2E - netball courts/synthetic grass/sensory garden
All equipment to be cleaned after use eg. trucks and shovels, balls, toys.

3/4D – COLA/Basketball courts and mini soccer field.

All equipment to be cleaned after use eg. soccer balls/basketballs and skipping ropes.

4/5W AND 6R
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Morning, Lunch and Recess Breaks are as follows:

Morning – all students in their classrooms/or cohorts.

Parents are requested to bring students to school as close 9:00am as possible.

KE and 1/2E together in KE classroom
3/4D in their room
4/5W and 6R in 4/5W's classroom

Lunch :

10:20 – 11:00am 3/4D
11:10 – 11:50 KE and 1/2E
12:00 – 12:40 4/5W and 6R

All students playing in allocated areas with their cohort.

Recess :

12: 25 - 1:00 3/4D
1:05 – 1:40 KE and 1/2E
1:45 - 2:20 4/5W and 6R

All students to have own labelled water bottles or designated cups for water drinking during class time. (Minimise movement)

Drop off.

Ms K to supervise all students walk to their classrooms as per the designated pathways.

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3/4D students to wait on synthetic grass area where teacher and students are still able to view the gate. **Once the majority of K-2 students are gone,** proceed with walking students to cars and release to parents.

2:55 - 3:00pm 4/5W and 5/6R

Wait under COLA – Once the majority of students picked up, walk students to the gate and release to parents.

Toilet and Bubbler cleaning

Regular enhanced cleaning will be taking place from 8:30am – 3:00pm

Our toilets and bubblers will be cleaned frequently throughout the day. We are trialling every 30 minutes.

Please Note:
We will be constantly revising this plan to ensure we are adhering to all guidelines .

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