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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Week 3 – Kind Reminders and Picking up Learning at Home Packs.

Thank you for supporting us with your child's learning at home. **WE are all very excited about coming back 😊** Our school, will transition **to Level 3 Plus as of Monday 18 October 2021.** Our staggered return will be as follows:

- From 18 October 2021: Kindergarten and Year 1
- From 25 October 2021: All other students.

We respectfully ask that the Year 2 students from 1/2E start on 25 October, as per the Department's guidelines. If there any extenuating circumstances, please feel free to call me.

While we are planning for our return to face-to-face learning and our teachers are completing their COVID-19 vaccinations there will only be minimal supervision for students on site and all students will be provided with the same work as they would be completing at home.

I know we are all excited about the coming freedoms available to those who are fully vaccinated in NSW but I ask every family to hold on just a little while longer to give us the time we need to complete our planning for your child's safe return. You can be assured that our school will have many layers of protection in place as per the Department of Education guidelines. They include:

- *windows open in all classrooms and offices - cross ventilation -*
- ***masks are strongly recommended indoors for primary students (Updated advice)***
- *mandated vaccinations*
- *no cohort mixing*
- *parents to drop students off to school as close to the 9:00am bell as possible*
- *different pick-up times for students in the afternoon.*
- *different break times for lunch and recess*
- *washing of equipment after use in place, eg. soccer balls, skipping ropes,*
- *good hygiene practices - washing of hands and sanitising*
- *outdoor learning spaces to be used as much as possible - Yarning Circle, COLAs, Shaded areas.*
- *enhanced cleaning procedures for whole school.*
- *unauthorised adults will not be allowed to enter our school grounds*

As you can imagine a great deal of these guidelines will add many layers of complexities for all of us, however, we will be constantly reviewing and tweaking to ensure we are all staying safe.

Mask wearing: We have a graphic from NSW Health on how to fit a mask properly – please have this conversation with your child. Masks are not mandatory for primary students, however, strongly recommended.

Tips on wearing a mask



Children can wear small cloth or surgical masks when leaving home, including going to school



You can remove your mask when eating or exercising



Try not to touch your face while wearing your mask

Use a clean mask every day. Do not reuse single-use masks



Wash and dry reusable masks after use and store in a clean, dry place

Wash or sanitise your hands before putting on or taking off your mask



How to wear a mask



1/4

1

Ensure the mask covers your nose and mouth and fits snugly under your chin, over the bridge of your nose and against the sides of your face

How to wear a mask



2/4

2

Make sure the ear loops are firmly in place

How to wear a mask



3/4

3

Fold the metal strip in the mask around your nose so it stays in place

How to wear a mask



4/4

4

Try not to touch your face while wearing your mask



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.

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 delivering 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 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.

Drop offs and pick-ups

We respectfully ask that you follow our drop off and pick up guidelines, starting Monday 18 October 2021/Monday 25 October 2021, depending on your circumstances.

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.

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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
- **Please go to the office to sign in if you need to enter the school and see a member of staff. New sign in QR code and procedures are in place starting Monday 18 October 2021.**

Please remember that you can stay up to date with the most recent advice by visiting:

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

Learning at Home Packs -

Week 3 'Home Learning Packs' are ready to be picked up for grade 2, 3/4D, 4/5W and 6R.

Our Covid safe practices have been very successful in terms of the collection of the booklets.

Student booklets can be picked up **from the front office gate from 10:00am on Monday 18 October 2021.**

Our Covid safe plan mandates that parents do not get out of their vehicles. Like last term, please drive up to the front office gate from 10:00am onwards and we will be there to give you your child's pack. If the gate is not manned, please call the school and we will come out to you.

Please remember that if you need to pick up the booklet after 3:30pm on Monday to call the school and let us know, so we can make appropriate arrangements. Please also remember that for your child to be marked as "F" (flexible learning- which is the same as being present at school)" we will need to see some evidence of them completing the schoolwork set. We kindly ask that once worksheets are completed to post them on your child's seesaw for the teachers to mark and give feedback. If your child is completing work through 'google classroom' or on the seesaw app, their attendance will be automatically marked as 'F'.

Thank you for your continued support and remember that you can contact us if you have any questions about your child's return back to school.

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