



Wednesday 27 January 2021

## COVID Information Update

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Term 1, 2021 guidelines have been updated in line with advice from NSW Health obtained in January 2021. Many of the restrictions that were in place in November 2020 have been maintained due to the current COVID-19 situation affecting NSW.

Staff will still provide opportunities for students to regularly wash and sanitise their hands throughout the day. Disinfectant spray will be used regularly in rooms (without students present) to ensure that equipment is clean.

Visitors are allowed onsite, with an appointment. Visitors will be required to present to the office on arrival and will need to follow the COVID visitor procedures as per 2020. The school has been issued with a Service NSW QR Code. All visitors to the school will be required to scan and check in when coming on school premises and check out when leaving.

Parents are reminded to remain vigilant and practise social distancing and hygiene measures to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the community are maintained.

Families are also reminded, if they have not already, to download the NSW Government School Updates application as this will provide current operational information about Leumeah Public School.

The office will remain closed before and after school as we are unable to socially distance parents in the foyer. If you would like to meet with the office staff at any point, please make an appointment.

Students must not attend school if they are unwell, even with the mildest of symptoms. Students need to return a negative COVID-19 test and be **symptom free** prior to returning to school. If you are unsure of our 'Steps to Return to School' process please contact the office.

Staff and students are not required to wear masks while at school, however, they can wear their own mask if they choose.

As per 2020, parents and carers can enter the school to:

- Purchase or pick up uniforms from the uniform shop
- Meet with school staff about a wellbeing issue with an appointment. (COVID visitor procedures are in place. All parents must present to the front office on arrival and when leaving)
- Drop off Kindergarten students.

As mentioned in the newsletter at the end of 2020, until we have more of an understanding about school numbers, students will remain in their 2020 class groups (apart from Year 6 who will be combined). Therefore, we will continue with all students in Years 1 – 6 being dropped off at the school gate. Students will follow school expectations and rules, lining up in the same area as 2020.

The school gates will be opened at 2.45pm. Parents will be able to meet students in Years 1 - 3 at the K-2 quad and students in Years 4 – 6 at the 3-6 quad for the first few days, until classes are finalised. Once classes are set, students will be able to show parents their rooms, where they can be picked up from at 2.50pm.

Parents and carers are reminded to social distance while waiting for their children and once you have collected all of your children, leave the school grounds immediately.

At this stage, gatherings at schools within the Greater Sydney area are limited to 30 people indoors and 30 people outdoors. All gatherings should be limited to one hour where possible and all events require a COVID-19 safety plan. For this reason, we will continue with recording our PBL assemblies and making these available through Seesaw.

Bubblers were turned on again last year and will still be available this year. Students are strongly encouraged though to bring their own drink bottles from home and refill when needed.

Please contact the school if you have any questions about this update.

Yours sincerely,

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