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Dear Parents and Carers,

During Term 2, St Fidelis Primary School will continue to promote CovidSafe principles to maintain a safe community for our staff, students, parents, carers and visitors.

As you may be aware, the Victorian Government relaxed its COVIDSafe settings on Friday 26 March 2021. Changes to these settings include allowing more visitors in the home, changes to mask-wearing in some settings and updates to density limits in some settings. There are limited changes for schools.

There is no longer a requirement to limit the number or type of visitors to our school premises for CovidSafe reasons and visitors continue to be welcomed to our school, however, to maintain a safe environment for everyone, we ask that parents and carers remain outside the school buildings when dropping off and picking up students to and from school. This will maintain a safe setting for everyone while the current building works are in progress and the relocation of classrooms continues during Term 2. It will also ensure compliance with the current CovidSafe density limit of one person per two square metres applying to all persons in a space, including students. Entry and exit points will continue to be from the Benny Lane and Hawthorn Street gates.

If parents need to attend the administration office area, this is to be done by entering the main doors at the Saunders Street entrance. Please ring the bell and you will be attended to by a staff member.

Please note that on entering the school buildings, face masks must be carried at all times by individuals aged 12 years and over and worn when physical distancing of 1.5 metres cannot be maintained. Visitors to school grounds must comply with the physical distancing and face mask requirements and the practise of good hand hygiene.

To support contact tracing, St Fidelis Primary School must keep a record of all visitors who attend on site for more than 15 minutes. Schools must record the name, contact details, date and time of attendance at school. Our school uses a visitor sign-in book and QR Code to record this information. This method of signing in is located in the office administration area.

In line with the Government's relaxing of the Covidsafe regulations, St Fidelis Primary School would like to invite parents/carers to assist teachers and students with their learning within the classroom setting. Further information relating to this opportunity and support required will be provided shortly.

Thank you for your understanding and support throughout this term as we continue to maintain COVIDSafe practices at our school.

I look forward to welcoming our students and families back to more school events throughout Term 2.

Regards

Manuela Watson