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# Parent and Carer COVID-19 Update - Monday 12 July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you in advance for your patience, understanding, and support during this challenging and unpredictable time. I want to assure you that regardless of the challenges that we have to face, we remain committed to supporting our students, staff and community.

The following information is for the period from **Tuesday 13 - Friday 16 July 2021**. As the current COVID outbreak is unpredictable, should there be any changes to this information you will be informed as soon as possible.

## **Students Attending School**

In line with the advice from NSW Health, we strongly advise that students undertake learning from home and do not attend school on site. That said, no student will be turned away and the school will remain operational for students who need to attend i.e. children of essential workers. There will be minimal supervision on site in line with Departmental guidelines.

### Learning From Home Procedures

We are aware that many parents and carers are working from home at present and that some families have limited access to technology and with this in mind, we have created a unit of learning that requires reduced access to technology. We have prepared one unit of learning for the four day period. This unit will consolidate learning from Term 2 and students can return the work they have completed when face to face teaching resumes.

You can access the unit of learning by going to **www.glebe-p.schools.nsw.edu.au** and clicking on the link that says 'Learning From Home', located on the website home page. The unit of learning will be available to download from 9:00am on Tuesday 13 July. The unit of learning will be the same whether the students are learning from home or at school.

The unit of learning includes work from Kindergarten to Year 6 in the one document. The purpose of this is that should your child/children require less or more challenging work, they will be able to have access to a wider range of content. It also means that families with children in multiple grades will only need to print one pack per family.

Should you require a hard copy of the unit of learning, these can be collected from the Derby Lane gate between **10:00am and 11:30am on Tuesday 13 July**. Should you be unable to collect the hard copy in person, please email or phone the school so arrangements can be made.

#### Learning at School Procedures

Should you child/children need to attend school, they will complete the same unit of learning as per the learning from home.

#### Communicating with the School

Our main forms of communication will be via email, our school website, and our school Facebook page. Should you have a question or query, please contact the school by:

- 1. Email at glebe-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
- 2. Calling the school on 9660 4549

Your question will be directed to the appropriate member of staff and they will get back to you as soon as possible.

### Drop Off and Pick Up

During this time, we ask that you **do not enter** the school grounds and should your child be attending school on site that you:

- Drop off your child at one of the three school gates (Glebe Point Road, Derwent Street, Derby Place).
- Pick up your child from the Derby Place gates.

Please do not gather at the gates and please ensure that you are wearing a mask and that you maintain a social distance of 1.5m from other people. You will be advised regarding pick up times/ locations should learning from home continue beyond this week.

### Student Illness/Absence from School

Students should not attend school if unwell, even with mild symptoms of COVID-19. Any person with any COVID-19 symptoms will be sent home and should not return to school until they have received a negative test result and are symptom-free.

Should your child be sick and it is **not** related to COVID, and they are either unable to complete learning from home or attend school, please complete the attendance notification on the Sentral parent app or phone the school.

### **Student Wellbeing**

The wellbeing of our students and their sense of belonging to their school and our staff is vital during this time. It is anticipated that you will receive a "check in" call from a member of staff this week. Please be aware that the call may have 'No Caller ID' or 'Private Number' displayed and that it may not be your child's regular class teacher contacting you.

### Staff at School/Working from Home

In accordance with the current NSW Health guidelines that all people are to stay at home and only leave their home for purposes deemed as essential, staff will work from home where possible. We are still in the process of finalising this timetable, however, it will mean that there will be minimal staff on site each day.

#### School Safety Measures

The following safety measures are in place: additional cleaning of school building and facilities, staff sign in and out via a QR code, staff maintain social distancing of 1.5m where practicable, staff to wear face masks indoors. Staff are not required to wear a mask or face covering where it may affect the ability of a student or students to hear or engage with them or if they have a physical or mental health illness or condition, or disability, that makes wearing a mask unsuitable.

#### Additional information

Please visit **www.glebe-p.schools.nsw.edu.au** and click on the yellow banner that says "COVID 19 Update for Greater Sydney" for additional advice for families.

Further information will follow as the situation unfolds.

Please stay safe and take care.

#### Bryce Walker

Principal