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### **Parent and Carer COVID-19 Update - Thursday 15 July 2021**

Dear Parents and Carers

As communicated on Wednesday 14 July, home learning will continue until at least the 30 July 2021. In line with the advice from NSW Health, we strongly advise that students undertake learning from home and do not attend school. 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 and staff working from home arrangements.

I thank you all for your ongoing patience, understanding, and support during this challenging and unpredictable time. I want to assure you that regardless of the challenges we have to face, we remain committed to supporting our students, staff and community. I also want to thank you for your support with home learning. I understand that this can be challenging and I want to be clear that it is perfectly okay to do what is achievable for your family and your circumstances. Please do not put any unnecessary extra pressure on yourselves that it has to be done perfectly.

I want to take this opportunity to thank and acknowledge our staff who are going above and beyond, regardless of whether they are working on site or from home. In the past 3 days we have achieved a great deal and are proud of how we are supporting our community. To date, we have:

- contacted over 190 families to check in and see how they are going and we will continue to do this for all families over the coming days and weeks;
- implemented new school systems and procedures for monitoring student progress and engagement;
- implemented innovative ways so that we can meet the needs of all members of our community;
- printed and delivered over 100 hard copies of the learning from home resources;
- made laptop computers available for students who require them;
- held additional online executive and staff meetings to check in and monitor how we are supporting home learning and made adjustments accordingly.

The following information is current as of 15 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.

#### **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](mailto: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.

## 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. With this in mind, we have created a unit of learning that requires reduced access to technology and a variety of offline learning opportunities. Should your child require the loan of a school laptop computer, please call or email the school by Friday 16 July. We have received a significant amount of positive feedback regarding our units of learning and thank you all for your support during this time. We have made the decision to use the same matrix format in Week 2 and 3 to provide consistency for students, staff and families. These units of learning will incorporate Term 3 teaching and learning content. This will ensure the continuity of learning when students return to school full time.

You can access the unit of learning by going to [www.glebe-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.glebe-p.schools.nsw.edu.au) and clicking on the link that says 'Learning From Home', located on the website home page and the school Facebook page. The Week 2 unit of learning will be available to download from **9:00am on Tuesday 20 July**.

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 **9:00am and 11:00am on Tuesday 20 July**. Should you be unable to collect the hard copy in person, please email or phone the school so arrangements can be made.

Students can submit the work they completed from home via the list of communication options below:

### Methods of communication for each stage

**Early Stage One (Kindergarten):** Seesaw and contactless drop box located at the Derby Lane gate.

**Stage One (Years 1 and 2):** Seesaw and contactless drop box located at the Derby Lane gate.

**Stage Two (Years 3 and 4):** Class Dojo and contactless drop box located at the Derby Lane gate.

**Stage Three (Years 5 and 6):** Google Classroom and contactless drop box located at the Derby Lane gate.

Classroom teachers will be in contact with you regarding Zoom wellbeing check-in opportunities for each class. More information will be available in the coming days. Classroom teachers are your first point of contact regarding any questions or concerns.

## Learning at School Procedures

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

### 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. Due to the low number of students attending school on site, we will continue to have students collected at this area at the end of each day.

Please do not gather at the gates, ensure that you are wearing a mask and that you maintain a social distance of 1.5m from other people.

*\* Should you need to enter the school grounds to collect a resource or item i.e. laptop computer, we ask that you sign in using the QR code, wear a face mask, and maintain social distance. Should you have even the mildest of flu like symptoms, please do not enter the school grounds.*

### **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](http://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.

Please stay safe and take care.

### **Bryce Walker**

Principal