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### **Re: Return to School Advice October 12, 2020**

Dear Cheltenham Primary School families,

It is with relief and happiness that I welcome you all back to Term 4, 2020. A school newsletter will be coming out late Friday, with further information re the return to school of our students. However, a few logistics need to be addressed immediately.

Following the Premier's confirmation that students in Years 3-6 will also return to school as of next week, we invite **all our students F-6** to return next Monday, October 12. Although schools are permitted to stagger the return of year levels across the course of next week, we see no value for our students, families and staff in doing so. We went into remote learning as a school - it is important we return as a school.

Entry to the school is permitted for students only and will be through the bottom car park gates from 8.30am. All students will sanitise their hands on arrival and then move to their established line up points. Staff will be on hand to assist and supervise them. They will be encouraged to reconnect with their peers until their teachers bring them in from 8.50am. The school day will commence at 9.00am.

Late arrivals must enter through the main school foyer, sign in, sanitise their hands and will be escorted to their Learning area.

In accordance with latest advice from the Department of Education, students are no longer required to be temperature checked on arrival. All staff and service personnel will continue to be temperature checked on arrival and maintain our established sanitisation and mask protocols.

[The Department of Education's latest operations guide \(5 October\) specifically requires schools to focus on managing safe school arrival and departure including staggered starts/finishes.](#)

To ensure consistency with physical distancing measures, families will not be permitted to congregate at the school gate before or after school and will be required to maintain 1.5 metres between each other as far as is practicable. Parents or carers must be masked. Any student that has reached the age of 12 must also wear a mask going to and from school.

To facilitate the safe departure of our children and to limit the numbers of families waiting, we will be moving to a **staggered school departure based on family groupings for Term 4.**

Commencing Monday October 12, **students with family names from A-L, will depart through the bottom car park gates at 3.05pm.** Parents and carers should not be on site before 3pm. If your oldest child is in Years 3-6, please encourage them to escort their sibling/siblings out to a designated meeting point. Camp Australia will be operational from 3.05pm for this earlier departure. It is expected that all A-L students will have departed by 3.15pm.

**At 3.25pm students with family names from M-Z will depart.** Parents and carers should not be on site before 3.20pm.

The staggered departure is required based on our previous experience, your feedback and the limitation on the number of safe exit points from the school. We understand the earlier pick up time

may be difficult for some of our permitted workers, where the sole parent or both parents are working outside of the home.

In such cases, please send an email directly to Rebecca Leslie, Education Support Officer, to the school account and we will ensure that your child is supervised until 3.30pm.

Kind Regards,

*Bronwyn*

Principal