



28 July 2021

Dear Cheltenham Primary School families,

Welcome back everyone! The children came in today and settled, as if they had never been away. 😊

Based on advice from the Victorian Chief Health Officer, schools in Victoria have returned to face-to-face learning and teaching for all students as of today, Wednesday 28 July 2021.

This means all students are now expected to attend school on-site and Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) will also resume full operations from today.

A reminder that parents and carers may enter the school grounds at pick up and drop off. *\*\*\* sign in for access to the school grounds before and after school, is no longer required.*

To keep our school safe parents are requested not to enter the school buildings where possible. If entry is required i.e., a parent teacher meeting, please sign in using the Service Victoria App and follow the COVID safe protocols. The school foyer is a safe area for parents and carers to enter. However, please be conscious of limit restrictions.

Our responsive staff will continue to communicate directly with you through our virtual platforms, email and phone.

### **Face masks**

All staff are required to wear a face mask at all times in doors and outdoors at school (except when engaged in teaching or if an exception applies).

Parents and carers must wear face masks both indoors and outdoors, outside your home, unless an exception applies.

- Children under 12 years of age and students at primary school are not required to wear face masks when at school, or when attending an OSHC program.
- Face masks are mandatory for all school students aged 12 or older on public transport and when in taxis or ride-share vehicle. This includes travelling to and from school on public transport or in a vehicle with others not from your household.

### **Parent helpers**

Parent and carer assistance in classrooms/programs is suspended until further notice, except where it is essential for health and safety i.e., kitchen classroom. COVID safe guidelines will be strictly adhered to in such exceptions.

### **School gatherings**

All school gatherings such as assemblies will continue to be held remotely and on-site school events deferred at this stage.



### **School entry and exit**

To minimise congestion and for the health and safety of all, from **tomorrow Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> July, students in F-2** will enter the school from the **doors to the side of the main foyer at 8.45am**. Students in **Years 3-6 will enter from the bottom car park gates at 8.45am**.

In the afternoon, students in F-1 will exit from the door to the side of the main foyer at 3.30pm. Students in Year 2 from their closest door (the main foyer or side door).

All students in Years 3-6 will exit through the bottom car park gates.

If picking up your children from school, please pick up your youngest children first and arrange for older siblings to meet at a designated place. For your health and safety please maintain social distancing and try to limit congestion by arriving and departing promptly.

### **Incursions, excursions and camps**

Our Year 3 and 4 students are cleared to go on camp which is very happy news!

Excursions may also proceed under COVID safe guidelines (if there is no sharing with other schools).

Incursions may not proceed - yet.

Interschool sport competitions are not currently allowed.

Thank you for your continued support during this time – which we all value and appreciate. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with any queries, concerns. Remember, if we can help, we will, so continue to seek support if you need to.

Be well. Stay safe.

Kind Regards,

*Bronwyn*

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Cheltenham Primary School