



BLACKWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

As we have returned to normal over the past two weeks we have been able to take some very useful learning from the COVID-19 pandemic. Some of these will continue to be useful in the future.

The children have a new understanding of social distancing and the importance of hand washing. These will continue to be a focus over the following weeks.

The Department are gradually updating their advice and below is the latest information.

The Department **now expect all public school students** who are well and not considered vulnerable to COVID-19 **to attend school** or preschool.

Students are required to attend school unless they are:

- Feeling unwell
- Have a chronic medical condition or compromised immune system and are not able to attend school on advice from their medical practitioner
- Live in a household with others that are deemed vulnerable to COVID-19 and are not able to attend school on advice of their medical practitioner
- Have been diagnosed with COVID-19 or have been required to self-isolate by SA Health

Those families who are intending to keep students at home under medical advice for COVID-19 vulnerability, we ask that you contact the school to discuss your situation so that we can continue to provide support.

At Blackwood Primary School we will also continue to implement the following advice from the Department:

- *Social Distancing:* We continue to ask that parents / carers adhere to Social Distancing guidelines (1.5m spacing) when dropping off or picking up children, remain outside of classrooms and also meet their children after school on the oval. To support everyone's safety we ask that you **minimize** your time onsite if you have to accompany your child to their class. Leaving the school grounds promptly and before **3.30pm** is greatly appreciated.
- *Communication / Teacher contact:* We are not holding face to face interviews or meetings with families at this point in time but we encourage the use of email, phone and Seesaw.
- *Cleaning* (extra 3 hours per day): daily clean of playground, shared areas, classrooms, high touch surfaces and table tops.
- *Volunteers:* unfortunately we are unable to run our volunteer programs at this stage.



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- **Interviews & Reports:** In order to fully collect information on student learning we have decided reports will be sent home at the beginning of Term 3. We are also aiming to hold 3 way /student-led conferences sometime during term 3, COVID-19 conditions allowing.
- **Assembly:** Assemblies will still not run at this stage however we are investigating the possibility of running some online assemblies soon.
- **School Sport:** At present the Department are in discussions with SA Health around the roadmap and return to School Sport. The current advice is to continue our current practice of not holding any practices or games until further notice. Once we have a clear understanding of dates and timelines we will communicate these to you.
- **School camps and excursions (outside of the school grounds)** will continue to be deferred for now. SA Health believe it presents an unnecessary risk due to the transport and logistics involved, the need for extra supervisors / parent involvement and sharing of equipment.
- In the event of a confirmed case of COVID-19 our school will be temporarily closed. We will then follow our protocol in line with SA Health and the Department for Education.

All children and staff are reminded to:

- stay at home if unwell
- wash their hands regularly
- cover a cough or sneeze with a tissue or elbow

All students and staff who are unwell with fever and/or respiratory infection should remain at home and seek medical advice on testing for COVID-19.

Thank you once again for your support to ensure our school community remains safe and all of our community members stay COVID-19 free.

Stay safe and healthy,

Kris Robson

Principal

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