



9th July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

RE: Learning from Home Week 1, Term 3 2021

As you will be aware the Premier, NSW Health and Education Departments have advised that the Stay at Home orders are in place for Greater Sydney (Including the Blue Mountains, Central Coast, Wollongong and Shell Harbour). As part of this order, all schools in these areas will move to Learning from Home from Tuesday 13th July to Friday 16th July 2021. Learning from Home packs are being prepared and we will have further information regarding the pick-up of learning packages to be sent out via our School Stream App, Facebook and our school website.

Our school will be open, including our Pre-School, for the students and families who need it, although parents are encouraged to keep all children at home wherever possible, but no child will be turned away from the school. There will only be minimal staff supervision and teachers will be provided one unit of work for students, whether they are learning from home or in classroom.

In addition:

- Canteens and uniform shop will not operate.
- No assemblies, excursions, Scripture or external services.
- Meetings are only to be conducted by phone or online platforms.

Please ***remember students are not to come to school if they are 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.

In circumstances where children have other medical reasons for recurrent symptoms, a letter from their GP is sufficient to negate the requirement for a negative test.

Anyone who is unwell with COVID-19 symptoms is strongly encouraged to get tested and self-isolate until a negative result is received.

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Communication with the school

As the school office is open Monday to Friday between 8.30am - 3.00pm you can phone and leave a message for your child's teacher to call you. Remember if the teacher is working remotely, they will return the call from NO CALLER ID so please answer. In addition to the office number, please be advised you are able to contact the school mobile between the hours of 8:00am and 6:00pm Monday to Friday. The number is: 0427 194 795.

Alternatively, you can email the school on lalorpark-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au This email is checked regularly and forwarded to your child's classroom teacher for a response and a response will come back to you via the school email.

Morning Drop Off and Afternoon Pick Ups – Northcott and Carpark gates only

We are asking that parents remain in cars when dropping off students to the school. We will not be allowing parents to enter the school grounds. There will be a teacher at the Northcott and carpark gates to greet the students as they arrive. Please do not congregate outside the school to 'have a chat' with another parent. If everyone works together we should be able to keep the students and the traffic flowing.

In the afternoon students will be walked to the Northcott and car park gates for pick up. Please make sure your child knows which gate they will be collected from.

Firstly, all the staff would like to thank you for the amazing support you have shown towards them and working together.

Vulnerable staff and students

We will continue to support vulnerable staff and students, in-line with current health advice.

Cyber Safe Families

What is cyber safety?

Cyber safety is the safe and responsible use of online information. How and where you keep your personal information and who has access to it is important as most of us and our children spend a lot of time online whether it is for work, school or social purposes.

What is the risk?

How can you be cyber safe?

Being aware of what, where and how your personal information is available online is the first step to keeping it safe. Some key points to remember are:

1. Know how to [create strong passwords External link](#), different passwords for different accounts and never to share them.
2. [Control cookies and add-ons External link](#) to avoid being tracked online.
3. Consider creating a [family tech agreement External link](#) (for families with children age 5-12).
4. Learn about [Phishing External link](#), [Vishing](#) and [Smishing External link](#) scams.
5. Update your software to the latest version.
6. Protect your accounts with multi-factor authentication (MFA).
7. Back up your data to an external drive or the cloud.
8. Log out of your device when not in use.

Digital citizenship

A good digital citizen knows how to be responsible, safe and effective on the internet and digital devices. The [Digital Citizenship](#) website has articles and resources for parent and carers to do with healthy technology use, avoiding scams, protecting your personal information and digital reputation, how to create strong passwords etc. To get help with online bullying you can head to [cyberbullying and teenagers](#).

Australian government resources

- The Australian Signals Directorate (ASD) has published the [Top 10 questions parents have about online security](#) that you can use to make cyber safe decisions
- The [Australian Institute of Family Studies](#) has published a paper with information about online safety with practical tips for parents. [Playing IT safe](#) contains information for parents and carers about starting online safety conversations with their child (3-5 years), as well as three online games that can be played together to support these family discussions.
- If you or a family member is a victim of a cybercrime you should report to [Scamwatch](#). You will also find on their website news articles and information and data on current scams.

Masks and face coverings

While at school, masks or face coverings are required in all indoor settings for:

- all students in Year 7 and above
- all staff in school settings.
- Primary students are not required to have a mask on in accordance with the Public Health Order. However, if you wish for them to wear a mask indoors, this is acceptable and will be supported.

Some exemptions apply:

- 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, such as where students are hard of hearing.
- As per the broader health advice, early childhood staff are exempt from wearing face masks when they are working directly with children. However, staff are recommended to wear masks or face coverings otherwise, whenever indoors.
- Masks or face coverings are not required to be worn by a staff member or student who has a physical or mental health illness or condition, or disability, that makes wearing a mask unsuitable. For example, if they have a skin condition, an intellectual disability, autism or trauma, they are not required to wear a mask. Refer to [Face mask rules on the NSW Government website](#).

Masks remain mandatory on public transport. This applies to students aged 13 years and over, and staff when travelling to and from school and during school excursions by public transport or by chartered or private transport services.

Visitors

Non-essential visitors are NOT permitted on school sites.

Workers supporting the infrastructure development and maintenance of schools can continue on site. This includes contractors, general assistants, farm hands and other grounds support staff.

Visitors must follow their school's advice regarding changes to student drop off and pick up. This includes staying in the car when dropping off and picking up children if it is safe to do so.

This does not apply to drop off and pick up from Pre-School as sign in and out procedures are required.

Parents should:

- follow the physical distancing advice for their local area and avoid gathering outside of school gates.
- remain outside of school grounds (some exceptions may exist re SSP, vulnerable students or students with disabilities).
- adhere to mask-wearing requirements and sign in using the Service NSW QR code when entering the school.

QR code sign-in process for all staff and visitors

The NSW Government have introduced mandatory QR codes across a range of additional settings, including schools. All staff and visitors permitted on school sites will be required to check in and check out using the QR codes.

Parents and carers or other visitors to the school who do not have access to electronic devices for the purposes of QR check in can:

- authorise another person to provide their contact details on their behalf.
- provide their details to the school to be recorded in an appropriate manner for provision to NSW Health should it be required. In these circumstances, please enter any paper records into an electronic format such as a spreadsheet within 12 hours to support NSW Health contact tracing should it be required.

Pre-Schools

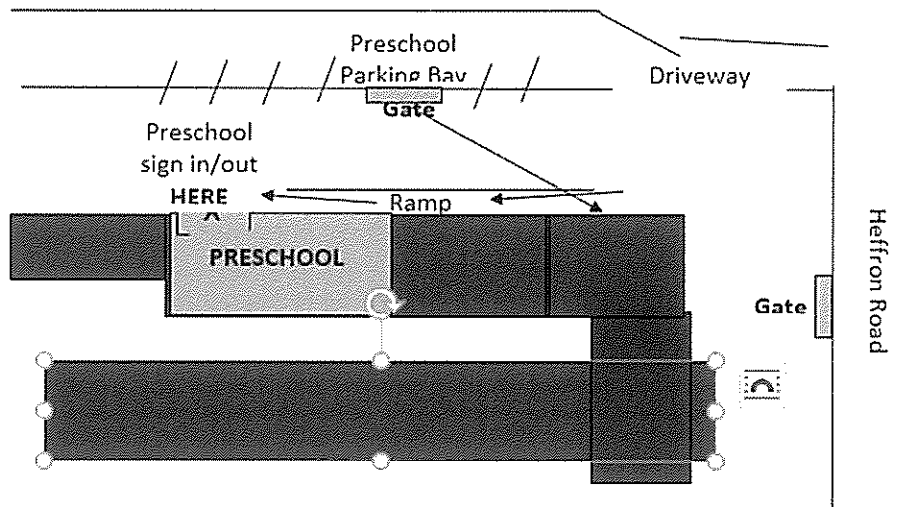
Our Pre-School can continue to operate as per advice for early childhood services.

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Families are asked to support alternative arrangements for pick up and drop off from the school gates. Where this is not possible or unsafe, families should pick up from the door of the service, following COVID safe guidelines.

To support social distancing during pick up/drop off times, Pre-School families are advised to observe the following:

- If arriving by car, Pre-School parents/carers are to park in **Pre-School Parking Bay** and enter via the parking bay gate.
- If arriving by foot, preschool parents/carers are encouraged to enter via the **Pre-School gate**.
- The entrance to the Pre-School will be relocated to the **undercover veranda space at the back of the Pre-School**. This will allow parents/carers to sign in/out while comfortably maintaining the required distance of 1.5m between others.
- Please observe the social distancing markers on the ground while waiting to sign your child in/out and continue to use the hand sanitiser provided.
- Parents and carers are encouraged to kiss and drop their child at the Pre-School entrance once they have been signed in and are in the care of Pre-School educators.



Ventilation

Open or well-ventilated spaces reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 because infectious particles are more quickly diffused in the open air than in spaces with less ventilation. Outdoor settings will be used where practicable.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Deanne Taylor

Principal