



Beginning of Term 2 arrangements

Dear parents and caregivers

We thank you for your patience and understanding in what is a quickly evolving time. We understand that every family will have carefully laboured over decision making around their child's return to the school environment. Please know that we support what you believe is in the best interest of your family. Whether your child learns onsite or at home, they will be safe, supported and educated.

I am mindful there is a lot of information for you to digest below. I apologise in advance, however I wanted our community to be fully informed of what we are implementing and why this is being done. Should you require clarification or further information, please do not hesitate to contact me, either by phone or email.

1. Implementation of the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) guidelines

At Beaconsfield PS, the following measures have been put into place in order to reduce the potential risk of COVID-19 transmission in schools:

Hygiene:

Students will continue to be directed to

- wash their hands with soap and water for 20 seconds or with sanitiser when entering school, and at regular intervals throughout the day, such as before and after eating, after going to the toilet, before and after touching equipment or after break times
- covering coughs and sneezes with their elbow or a tissue
- placing used tissues straight into the bin
- avoiding touching their face eyes
- not sharing food or drink (this includes no shared fruit for kindergarten or treats for birthdays)
- use their drink bottle as the communal water fountains will be closed

Physical distancing:

- The AHPPC guidelines have been updated after National Cabinet met on Friday; the 4 square metre rule and 1.5m distancing between students during class have been removed.
- The following activities will remain postponed until further notice:

- Library will be closed for borrowing
 - Assemblies
 - Excursions/incursions
 - Choir
 - Breakfast club
 - IMSS sessions
 - School sport
- School staff have been encouraged to maintain non-contact greetings. We are aware that after so long away from the school, some students will have separation issues and anxieties about their return. Please note that our staff will not be able to physically comfort the students as they perhaps would've in the past.
 - Recess and lunchtime will be staggered to reduce the number of students in the playground. Students will eat in their classrooms before being released for playtime.

Additional cleaning:

To reduce the spread of viruses or germs in schools through environmental cleaning, our school has employed another cleaner throughout the day. They will assist in ensuring the following is completed:

- clean and disinfect frequently used high-touch surfaces such as benchtops, desks, doorknobs, taps, and hand rails at regular intervals throughout the day with a detergent solution or detergent/disinfectant wipes
- clean and disinfect frequently used objects such as computers, photocopiers and sports equipment with detergent solution or detergent/disinfectant wipes
- clean and disinfect play equipment closed at the end of each recess and the end of the day
- provide bins in every classroom for used tissues, and empty them regularly throughout the day
- clean frequently touched points in the bathrooms after each recess and at the end of the day

2. Teaching and learning arrangements:

Students learning at home

For those children learning from home, this will be in accordance with the previously communicated Home Learning Guidelines, which are available [here](#). Students will be provided a weekly timetable that will be uploaded into the year group Connect page and is supported with both online and hard copy resources. If you did not pick up your

child's home learning pack, you may do so tomorrow, following the below timetable. They will be available from the courtyard at the administration block. We ask that you locate your child's materials and leave the school site, in order to minimise any potential exposure. In the interest of keeping our community safe, please ensure you adhere to your pickup time.

Wednesday 29 April	
Time	Surname
9 -10	A, B, C, D
10 -11	E, F, G, H
11 - 12	I, J, K, L
12- 1	M, N, O, P
1 -2	Q, R, S, T
2- 3	U, V, W, X, Y, Z

With more than 60% of students expected back tomorrow, classroom teachers will be teaching face-to-face in their classrooms. The home learning will be supported by a small team of teachers who will follow the Home Learning Guidelines, communicating with the students via Webex and make phone contact with parents. These teachers are well known to many of the students and have worked closely with our teaching staff. Please note, that dependent upon changing numbers, this may change next week. Currently this team consists of:

Year groups	Teacher
K	Nicola Flowers
PP-1	Pam Dunstall
2-4	Julia Reay
5-6 and IEC students	Celeste Franklin

Students learning at school:

For children learning at school, they will be taught by their regular classroom teacher and follow their regular timetable. If you are sending your child to school, but picked up the home learning pack at the end of Term 1, could you please return this with your child.

Students will be directed to follow the hygiene practices as outlined by the ACHHP. If your child is presenting as unwell, or showing symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, fatigue, cough or fever, please keep them at home. We are endeavouring to protect the health and wellbeing of every child and staff member within our school community, and therefore will be sending students home should they present with these symptoms. We appreciate your support with this.

3. Pick up and drop off arrangements

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Students are not to arrive onsite prior to 8:30am. Student will be met at their allocated gate by a member of staff. Please see the map below to identify the relevant gates.

Pre-primary and Year 1 students to be dropped off at the Hale Street carpark gate, where they will be met by a member of staff and directed to their classrooms.

Years 4 to 6 students to enter via the Maxwell Street gate closest to the Senior Block where they will be met by a member of staff and directed to their classroom.

Rottnest students to enter via the Kelly Street gate.

Afternoon pick up

The staff carpark will be blocked off by 2:30pm. This will not be used as a thoroughfare or for any pick up or drop offs. Students in Kindergarten will be released from 2:40pm and the Pre-primary and Year 1 from 2:45. Students across Years 2 to 6 will be released in a staggered manner from 2:55pm. Should you be unable to pick your child up prior to 3pm, they will be directed to an assembly point at the Junior playground and you will be able to collect them from the Hale Street carpark.

Kindergarten students will be released from the gate at the far end of the Early Years playground by Kindergarten staff.

Pre-primary and Year 1 students will be assembled at the junior playground. Parents can wait at the carpark, in keeping with physical distancing measures, and staff will release students to the care of their parents.

Years 2 and 3 students will be released in a staggered manner from their classrooms from 2:55pm to exit via the Jenkin Street gate.

Years 4 to 6 students will be released in a staggered manner from their classrooms from 2:55pm to exit via the Maxwell Street gate.

IEC students will leave earlier via the buses at 2:30pm.

Rottneest students will leave via the Kelly Street gate.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to get in contact with me.

Kind regards

Kirsten Dicker

Principal

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