



COVID-19 - Returning to onsite Teaching and Learning Questions and Answers for Families

Questions	Answers
Is it safe for my child to be at school?	Yes. Victoria's return to on-site school attendance is based on the advice of the Victorian Chief Health Officer.
What if I choose to keep my child home for the remainder of Term 2?	If you choose to keep your child home you will not receive learning tasks from the teacher/school UNLESS it is for medical reasons that your child is unable to return and you have a medical certificate.
Can I send my child to school if they have a runny nose and say they feel unwell?	No. We ask that all staff and students stay at home if they have a cold, a runny nose or a sore throat.
How do I contact my child's teacher if I am unable to go into the classroom to speak with them?	Phone the school and Karen or David will forward a message to the teacher and they will contact you. This is the preferred method of communication, but you can also continue to use Class Dojo although a reply may not be immediate.
Will my child be supervised when they arrive from 8.45am?	Yes. Children arriving from 8:45am will go directly to their classroom and be supervised. No students should will be playing in the yard before this hence the change for the time being.
Why aren't parents allowed onsite to drop their children off and wait in the school yard to pick them up?	On advice from the Department's operating guidelines for return to onsite learning, visitors to school grounds should be limited to those delivering or supporting essential school services and operations (e.g. student health and wellbeing

	services, specialist curriculum programs, maintenance workers).
It's my child's birthday. Am I able to send cakes or ice creams into school for them to share with the class?	Unfortunately no. At this point in time students are not permitted to share food.
Can the students play soccer or football?	No. Students may be provided with alternate activities at recess and lunchtime.
What will the students be allowed to play at recess and lunch time?	They will be allowed to play, but no sports equipment should be used from school or home for the time being. Some other activities may be set up.
Am I allowed onto the school site to pick up my child if they have an appointment or are unwell?	Please call the school so we can organise an effective process without families entering the school grounds.
Can my child drink out of the bubble taps?	No. All students are required to bring a drink bottle filled from home. Drink bottles can be filled throughout the day from the water stations that will be turned on.
What if my child forgets their water bottle?	The school will have bottles of water. The children will be given a bottle of water if required and their name will be written on it.
My child is worried about coming back to school. How can the school support them?	The school has many different areas of support available. Please contact your child's teachers and let them know what you are concerned about. Students will be supported by the Chaplain and other school based staff. We are also able to access support from the Department's Student Support Services if required.
What if my child won't walk into school without me?	There will be many familiar and smiling faces ready to greet your child each morning. Please talk to them about what they need to do each morning prior to school starting. If your child won't get out of the car, you will be asked to park your car and a staff member will come to you.
Can I drop my child off at school before 8:45am?	No. If your child needs to be at school before this time you will need to contact the Principal – this should be a last resort.

Does my child need to practise social distancing?	Maintaining a physical distance of 1.5 metres will not always be practical in education settings. Physical distancing is most important between adults. Children will be encouraged to social distance where it is practical to do so. Students will not come together with other classes for activities.
Will surface areas be cleaned regularly?	Yes. Schools have also received increased funding for the cleaners to clean high touch areas during the school day. All classrooms will also have wipes for students to wipe down their table and chair during the day.
Is there hand sanitiser available for my child to use?	Yes. All classrooms, specialist rooms and other areas around the school have hand sanitiser for the students to use. Students will be reminded to sanitise their hands regularly throughout the day especially after they have completed a task.
Will there be lunch orders or pie warmers?	Until further notice, students will not be able to have any of these.
Will my child be supervised at the end of the day?	<p>Yes. Children will leave school from either the front (SURNAMES A-L) or back entries (SURNAMES M-Z) of the school. We ask that all children are collected promptly, but any students still at school will be supervised. This may be an inconvenience for some, but the aim is to minimise congestion at the end of the day. Think positively with this – some extra exercise.</p> <p>If parents are unable to get to school before 3:25pm, we ask that you access the Out of Hours Care program.</p>
What do I do if my child has woken up and is not well enough to attend school?	If your child will not be attending school please phone Karen or David on the school phone from 8.20am that morning and they will inform your child's class teacher.
My child is taking medication. How do I drop this off at school?	Firstly if your child is taking medication should they be at school? If your child requires medication please contact the school so that we can send you the distribution of

	<p>medication form for you to fill in and sign. Please send this with the medication to school in your child's bag. We will collect it from there. More details will follow.</p>
<p>Will my child be sharing resources with other students in the class?</p>	<p>Yes. There will be times when your child will be sharing equipment with other students in the class. Students will be washing and sanitising their hands regularly.</p>
<p>Can I volunteer to help with reading?</p>	<p>Unfortunately no. Until further advice, parents will not be permitted to be onsite. Again on advice from the Department's operating guidelines for return to onsite learning, visitors to school grounds should be limited to those delivering or supporting essential school services and operations (e.g. student health and wellbeing services, specialist curriculum programs, maintenance workers).</p>
<p>Can my child bring their own pencil case?</p>	<p>Students in Years 3-6 are encouraged to bring their own pencil case to school. Students in Foundation – 2 may continue to share some supplies however they will be practising regular hand washing and sanitising.</p>