

WERRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Term 4 Week 1 Update Friday

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to term 4, we look forward to returning to face-to-face learning in the coming weeks.

Returning to School

On Thursday morning, the Premier announced changes to the return to face-to-face learning for students. The dates are as follows.

The school site will be open with limited staff during week 2, for the children of essential workers who are unable to work from home, and their children who are unable to learn from home. The only gate open will be the Armstein Crescent gate.

To assist us with planning, the Department of Education has put together a short survey. The survey takes about 2 minutes. If you haven't already completed this, we encourage you to do so following the link below. The survey will remain open until Monday 11th October 2021.

https://research.det.nsw.edu.au/jfe/form/SV 5BAxh4fuj5wnsWO?RID=CGC YK4HfTNm2UwBsbp&Q CHL=email

Staggered Return

From week 3, there will be a staggered return to face-to-face learning.

- <u>Monday 18th October, Kindergarten and Year 1</u> students will return to face-to-face learning under Level 3 plus COVID-safe settings.
- Monday 25th October, students in Year 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 will return.

This is of course, dependent on the NSW Department of Health and Department of Education's guidelines at the time.

From the 18th October Armstein and Heavey Street gates will be open in the morning, and all gates will be open in the afternoon.

Once grade groups return to site, students will be dismissed at the following times:

Kindergarten at 2.50pm

Year 1 & 2 at 2.53pm

Year 3 & 4 at 2.56pm; and

Years 5 & 6 at 2.59pm

Further information regarding onsite arrangements will follow early next week.

Currently, all staff and adults onsite are required to wear a mask both inside and outside, unless medically exempt. Students are encouraged to wear masks; however, this is up to the parent or carers discretion and is not mandatory.

It is essential that families only send students in the designated grades to school, so we are able to comply with the staggered return guidelines set out by the Department of Education. We thank all our parents and carers in advance for your support with this.

Wonderful Wednesdays are continuing this term:

Week 2 – 13th October – Mask day - wear a colourful or fancy mask

Week 3 – 20th October – Beach day

Kind regards,

Christine Avery

Principal

