



OAKHILL DRIVE PUBLIC SCHOOL

COVID UPDATE FOR PARENTS & CARERS

5 March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please see below for a summary of updates sent to schools after close of business yesterday afternoon. For further information, please visit the DoE *Guidelines for Families* **visit** <https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families> or contact the school.

Welcome back

Parent/Carers are welcome on the school grounds, provided these requirements are followed:

Please do not come onto the school grounds if you have flu-like symptoms.

Please use the COVID Safe Check in QR Codes on school gates as you enter the school. There will be many QR codes on the school gates.

Sign in at the administration building if you are visiting the school for a reason other than dropping off or picking up children (such as to attend a meeting, to volunteer at the canteen etc) or if you don't have a mobile phone to check in.

All teachers, support staff and parents must maintain physical distance from each other (1.5m).

Morning Drop off

Parents and carers may enter the school to drop off and pick up students from Monday 8 March in a COVID safe way. Due to the physical layout of our school, in order to reduce congestion and maintain safety, parents are requested not to move beyond the COLA to the classrooms. In order to further develop students' independence, we encourage you to continue to say goodbye at the gate.

Afternoon Dismissal

From Monday 8 March, parents may wait on the basketball court and grass to meet their children. **The bus bay will no longer be available for parents to wait for their children.** K-2 students will continue to be ready for pick up by parents/carers by 2:55pm from inside their nominated gate (A-K pathway, L-Z Basketball). Please ensure your child/ren knows where they are meeting you. All parents and carers are expected to support one another by maintaining the 1.5 metre physical distancing.

Stay Home if Unwell

Parents and carers are reminded NOT to send children to school if they are unwell, even if they have the mildest flu-like symptoms. Students and staff with flu-like symptoms need to be tested and provide a copy of a negative COVID-19 test result and be symptom-free before being permitted to return to school. Students who do not undertake a COVID-19 test will not be permitted to return to school for a 10-day period. Additionally, they must be symptom-free for at least 3 days prior to returning to school.

Singing

There are no restrictions to choirs or class singing, but if performing, there needs to be 5 metre distancing between the singers and the audience.

Sport

Parents may attend sport events in a COVID safe way, including not attending if experiencing symptoms, ensuring 1.5 metre physical distancing and using the QR code to check in.

Mixed Grades

Students will be able to mix with others in other grades, meaning that programs such as our Buddy classes may resume.

Sharing of Food

This is not allowed. Small commercially individually wrapped treats for birthday celebrations are acceptable.

We thank you for your ongoing cooperation and look forward to welcoming you back to school. Further information about helping in classrooms will follow next week.

Julie Torney
Deputy Principal