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Covid Restrictions UPDATE Term 1 2021 – Department of Education

Dear Parents and Carers,

22.01.2021

On the 20th January 2021, I sent out correspondence to you relating to the recent Covid restrictions announcements made on January 18th 2021. Since this information was released earlier in the week, there has been some more announcements and changes made. I want to ensure that I am communicating the right information to parents and carers and I want to thank you all for the understanding you have shown in such challenging times with the evolving and continuing situation at hand.

In this letter, I have highlighted all the new or additional information which I sent out earlier in red font. The direct link to this information is <https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families?deliveryName=DM7552>.

Important Information for the first few days of school

On **the first few days ending Friday 5th February 2021**, parents and carers of students who are in Kindergarten, Year 1 and 2, may enter the school grounds to **drop off and collect their children** to their new classes provided they are following the expected hygiene measures and physical distancing requirements by the Department of Health NSW. I have included the information relating to face masks in this note below.

Permission for parents and carers to enter the school and drop off their children is **for the first few days ending Friday 5th February 2021 Week 2**. Students in Year 1 and 2 return **Friday 29th January 2021**. Kindergarten students have their first day on Tuesday 2nd February 2021. **All visitors must sign in at the office and complete a Covid form prior to entering the rest of the school.** Please ensure that you have given yourself enough time to **complete this process on the morning and afternoon**.

The morning of Friday the 29th January, students in Years 1-6 will **assemble in the COLA in their lines from 2020 when the morning bell rings at 9:15am**. Once students are assembled, they will be allocated to their new classes and then parents of students who are in Year, 1 and 2 will be able to walk their child to their new classroom, say goodbye there, and then return to the office to sign out. **A separate note will be distributed to Kindergarten families outlining Best Start and the first day procedures for Kindergarten 2021.**

In the afternoon, teachers will dismiss their classes and parents and carers will need to pick up their child from **outside the school fence as per the 2020 guidelines unless they are picking up students in K-2**. Please note that our procedures for entering the school grounds during the school day have not changed since Term 4 and remain the same as 2020. **If parents need to enter the school grounds during the school day, they must ring the office.** Our school leaders will be locking the school gates in the morning and unlocking the school gates during the afternoon. A list



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of reasons for parents entering the school grounds has been provided by the Department of Education and included below.

Volunteers

P&C meetings may occur on school site after school hours and our volunteers who assist our amazing P&C are able to come on site to operate the school canteen and uniform shop. All volunteers who are committed to helping our school in these spaces, will need to follow the same procedures from 2020 and fill out a Covid form on each visit. All volunteers must also have completed the relevant Working With Children forms.

Additionally, we are committed to providing our families with more detail regarding volunteering for specific curriculum support such as literacy/numeracy groups and the kitchen garden program. We request that parents and carers wait for further advice from our school in the coming weeks as we need time to prepare and organise for this change in procedure. We must ensure that Leura Public School is compliant with Covid regulations, Work Health and Safety and Child Protection induction procedures at all times. The safety, wellbeing and health of our students, staff and community is always our priority.

Our partnership and engagement with our families and community is vital. It is important that we work together to provide our students with an educational setting that supports a strong partnership with our families, as this will enable our students to thrive. We thank our families in advance for being understanding and supportive of our school decisions in such challenging times and difficult circumstances. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

On behalf of all staff at Leura, I look forward to welcoming our students for the 2021 school year.

Warm regards,

May Ptolemy
Principal