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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It seems a long, long time since we saw students and parents as people and not zoom meeting participants. Welcome back from Wednesday 17 November for the Option B and bubble class students. We have to manage the number of students on site and the health risks, which is why we have two separate groups of children on site at anyone time. Another way suggested by the Ministry is to have staggered start and end of day times.

### **Staggered Start and Finish Times**

- Year 5 and Year 6 will start at 8.30 and finish at 2.30pm. They will collect any younger siblings and leave by the Wykeham sliding gate entrance.
- Year 3 and Year 4 will start at 8.45 and finish at 2.20pm. They will collect any younger siblings and leave by the Wykeham pedestrian exit.
- Year 2 will start at 8.55am and will finish at 2.10pm and they will collect any younger siblings and leave by the Wykeham staff entrance.
- Year 1 will start at 9.10 and will finish at 2.00pm and they will leave by the Wykeham staff entrance.

### **Parents**

Please be advised on **'kiss and drop'** and **'wave and collect'** you will need to wear a mask and observe social distancing. The Ministry reminded us that it is not a time for parent's socializing as everyone needs to enter and leave the school grounds quickly and safely to avoid congestion and possible risk of spread of the virus.

If you wish your child/ren to walk home - then please let the class teacher know- so we can manage that too.

### **Students**

Once in school it will be very different to pre-COVID lockdown.

The children remain in their class bubbles with no mixing across classes. Each class has a different morning tea and lunchtime area. The teacher aides, Mrs Light and myself will be supervising lunchtime and morning tea, so the class teachers have a break.

Your child will need morning tea, lunch, a drinks bottle, sunscreen and a hat every day they are at school.

### **Masks**

All staff will be wearing masks. Rooms 1,2,3,4,16,17,18,19,20 students will require masks to be worn in classes, they do not have to wear them when outside.

Students in Room 5,6,7,9,10,11,12,13, 14 and 15 do not have to wear masks at school, BUT if you want them too they can.

All children on entry to class will be reminded of hygiene measures

- Sneezing in their elbows
- Blowing nose into tissue and disposing of safely
- Washing hands often
- Using hand sanitizer when entering and exiting the classroom
- Social distancing -maintaining a distance of one metre inside and two metres outside
- Students eat outside under cover
- Staying in own seat
- Socializing only with the children in their class bubble.

School under level 3 step 2 is a very different setting than previously. The children's focus will be on socialising, interacting with peers and engaging with their teacher again with a focus on outside activities and Art. Online learning will still occur as will zoom meetings for those opting to remain home. The teachers will inform you of those times. Children at school will also be part of the zoom meetings.

If your child is ill please keep them at home. Please phone the office- if it is a day your child is meant to be at school. Thank you. If you or your family members have COVID like symptoms, please follow Ministry of Health guidelines and get tested- please let us know so we can manage school environment.

#### Library Books and School Reading Books

Please bring these to school if your child is on site. If you have opted to stay at home, then we will be arranging times for you to collect your child's stationery and belongings and you can drop off books then. Students working from home will have a hard copy learning pack sent to them that will last until the end of the school year. The students at home will have online learning as normal to work on.

Those with outstanding Scholastic book orders, these will be distributed from Wednesday or when in school.

Please be aware there will be

- No ROAD patrols or crossing duty happening under Level 3 Step 2.
- Sushi Orders will resume in 2022

Take care and we'll see you on either Wednesday this week or Monday of next week.

Thanks

Sue Buckley  
Principal

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