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PHYSICAL DISTANCING IN SCHOOLS DURING COVID-19

Public Health advice is clear - it is safe for schools to be open. This is because we have a low rate of Coronavirus (COVID-19) community spread in Tasmania and there has been increased and expanded testing. To reduce the risk even further, schools have hygiene and physical distancing measures in place.

While it is safe to send your child/ren to school, we still need adults to maintain physical distance from other adults, whilst on site.

The DoE has implemented procedures to help assist with physical distancing during morning drop off and afternoon pick up to avoid unnecessary congregation of adults in schools.

To help us with adult physical distancing, the following procedures will apply:

Morning drop off:

- Where possible please follow the 'Stop, Drop and Go' message which means you don't get out of your car
- Parents are not permitted to enter the school grounds except Kinder parents who can escort their child to the gate where they will be collected by a teacher or a teacher assistant
- Gates will be propped open for easy access for students

Afternoon pickups:

- "Collect and Go" is the requirement for parents with the following procedures for our school
- Please Note: Gates to the ECE playground will be propped open at 2.55pm. Parents should arrive at 3.00pm.

ECE Carpark

- Gates will be propped open at 2.55pm
- Parents are to wait for their children on the asphalt section (near the basketball hoops), maintaining physical distance
- Children will be escorted to the asphalt area by a teacher for collection
- Please leave immediately - playgrounds are not to be used

East Barrack Street (ECE end)

Kindergarten

- Gates will be opened at 2.55pm
- Parents of children from both Kindergartens will enter the playground area and wait, maintaining physical distance, for the children to come to them. Please leave the area quickly, respecting physical distancing guidelines.

- Parents should leave via the driveway entrance and where appropriate, follow the footpath along East Barrack Street to the lower/pool carpark. Please do not walk down the path towards the Hall as this area is reserved for students who are walking to the crossing and bus students

Prep - Year 2

- Parents who park in East Barrack Street should enter through the gates near Kinder (gates will be opened at 2.55pm) and collect your child from the Tiger Turf near your child's classroom. Please leave the area quickly, respecting physical distancing guidelines.
- Parents should leave via the driveway entrance and where appropriate follow the East Barrack Street footpath to the lower/pool carpark. Please do not walk down the path towards the Hall as this area is reserved for students who are walking to the crossing and bus students

Lower/Pool Carpark

- Parents of ECE students should go to the designated areas (see above) and follow the instructions for leaving the area
- Parents of Primary students should remain in the car until 3.00pm. Students will come to the carpark via the path beside the Hall.
- Please be vigilant for students moving within the carpark

Communication

- If you need to talk to your child's teacher, phone the Office or communicate with teachers via Class Dojo
- Bus messages and attendance messages are to be communicated via School Stream or phone call to the school office on 6362 8999

We want to make school as safe as possible for everyone. We value the generous time of our volunteers in the classroom but, unfortunately at this time, to ensure everyone's safety it is necessary that parents and volunteers are not inside the school buildings.

Feel free to ask questions if you require any further information. These things won't be forever, but we all have a shared responsibility to act in a way that supports everyone being safe.

More information is available on the Department of Education website: www.education.tas.gov.au