



MINCHINBURY PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Students who are unwell and/or displays signs of being unwell

Dear families,

Let me begin by saying how much we appreciate having you as our community. In incredibly difficult times, it is so much easier to work together when we are all trying to move in the same direction.

There has been updated advice received by our school from the NSW Department of Education about how we work with families when their child appears to be unwell whilst at school.

The following information is taken directly from advice written by the NSW Department of Education:

- During the COVID-19 pandemic, anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, loss of taste, and loss of smell), even mild symptoms, should not be at school.
- Schools should encourage staff and parents to arrange for the person who is unwell to be tested so they can return to school as soon as possible once their symptoms have resolved to minimise the absence from school. For people who are unwell with respiratory symptoms, a negative COVID-19 test result must be received and sighted by the school.
- Staff and students should only return to school when they have received a negative COVID-19 test result and their symptoms have resolved. Confirmation of the negative COVID-19 test result must be received and sighted by the school. Negative test results are communicated by NSW Health through SMS notifications.
- **Where a parent/carer is unwilling to allow their child to undertake a COVID-19 test or provide the school with a negative COVID-19 test result, the student is to be excluded from school for a 10 day period. Additionally, the student must be symptom free for at least three days before returning to school.**
- COVID-19 testing for students with complex health or disability may be challenging. In these situations, schools are to ask the parent/carer to have their child assessed by their medical practitioner. Where a medical practitioner determines that a COVID-19 test is not required, a medical certificate must be provided to the school to confirm that the student does not have symptoms that warrant a COVID-19 test. The certificate must also indicate that the student is able to return to the school environment.

At Minchinbury Public School we are a motivated and respectful community of learners.

I apologise for the size and boldness of the last point. The reason for this is that we need to clarify for everybody that this is a requirement of the NSW Department of Education. We need to follow these directions to keep our community as safe as possible.

There is a COVID-19 drive-through testing clinic located at:

Minchinbury Community Hospital
Cnr Great Western Highway & Rupertswood Road
Minchinbury NSW 2770

Open for testing: Monday to Friday from 9am to 4pm

Please accept my sincere thanks for helping us to keep our community as safe as possible.

Have a lovely weekend.



Rebecca Webster
Principal
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