



## MINCHINBURY PUBLIC SCHOOL

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### ***RETURN TO FULL TIME FACE-TO-FACE TEACHING AND LEARNING***

Dear parents and carers,

We are very excited to see our children returning to full time learning at school. We understand that you may have questions or concerns about what this will look like. Below is some information that will help clarify expectations around the coming weeks.

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#### **Attendance**

- Under direction from the Premier of NSW and the Department of Education, attendance is **compulsory for all students** unless they:
    - are sick; or
    - have a medical certificate to indicate that the student has a chronic medical condition and the doctor recommends that they do not attend due to this condition.
  - Any student who has any cold or flu like symptoms is to stay home.
  - If a student appears to be sick during the day, parents/carers will be contacted to immediately collect their child.
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#### **Social Distancing**

- According to Australian Department of Health and NSW Department of Health guidelines, there is no requirement for students to socially distance in schools. However, adults in the school are required to continue to socially distance.
  - Parents are asked to speak to their children about socially distancing from adults on the school site.
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#### **Visitors to the School Site**

- Only “essential visitors” will be allowed on the school site. Please call the school office, rather than visiting, if you have questions or need to notify school of any issues.
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#### **Student Drop Off and Pick Up**

- ***Morning Drop Off:***
  - Parents are to drop students at the school gates in the morning. Teachers will be at each gate to support students and parents as they arrive.
  - If parents are particularly concerned about their child during this drop off process, they can contact their child’s teacher via SeeSaw or by calling the school office to arrange additional support.

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- **Afternoon Pick Up:**

- **K-2 students** will be released from the COLA at 3pm. Parents who are picking up students are asked to **wait on the grass at the front of the office/hall and then move to around the COLA/Area B when the bell rings.**
- **3-6 students** will be released from their classrooms. If students are being picked up by a parent or meeting a younger sibling, they need to move to the COLA at this time.
- **Parents are asked not to go to classrooms under any circumstances.**

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### **Infinity Devices**

- Any family who borrowed an Infinity device to facilitate Learning From Home is asked to return the device to school this week.
- Parents or students are asked to return and sign the device back in to the school.
- Each morning, office staff will be at the front gate to take Infinities and to sign them back in to the school.

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### **Recess and Lunch Breaks**

- We have additional playground areas open for students at recess and lunch.
- Students are asked not to bring any personal play equipment to school. We will provide equipment that will be cleaned after each play break.

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### **Assemblies**

- There will be no assemblies at this stage.
- Teachers will hand out merit awards to students in class. Under normal circumstances, teachers hand out an allocation of awards to their students each fortnight. To “make up” for missed assemblies and award opportunities, teachers will hand out their fortnightly allocation each week for the rest of term.

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### **Hygiene**

- Additional cleaning processes are in place each day in classrooms, bathrooms and outdoor areas.
- Each classroom and learning space has cleaning products, hand soap and sanitizer.

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### **Student Wellbeing**

- Some students may be experiencing higher levels of worry or anxiety than normal. If you are concerned and/or would like additional support, please call or message your child’s teacher so that we can work together to support you and your child.

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Yours sincerely,



Natalie Bourke  
Deputy Principal  
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