

Changes to systems regarding COVID management at Springvale Primary

Summary for families- September 2021



What we are keeping?

- Self-isolation for anyone who tests positive. School will inform the class and any other children or staff deemed close contacts as courtesy and to encourage extra vigilance. Any non-vaccinated staff who are close contacts will have to isolate.
- Staggered starts and finishes- adapted to have a smaller window so that learning can start swiftly but kept long enough to avoid large crowds/gatherings around school
- Times are now 8.40am-3.10pm for F1/Y2/Y4/Y6, 8.50am-3.20pm for F2, Y1, Y3, Y5
- People with a child in each time slot should arrive at 8.45am and collect at 3.15pm.
- School visits and clubs can continue but with a 2 class limit
- School meal systems- food taken to children and 15-30 minute sittings for children depending on their age/speed. Additional spaces used outdoor for children who have finished their meal and can benefit from extra fresh air and/or exercise
- The one way system around school between 8.40-8.50am and 3.10-3.20pm
- Additional lunchtime cleaning routines around school- tables, toilets, hot spots like door handles
- Staff room restrictions with phase time slots and staff limited to teaching a maximum of 3 classes per week when indoor
- Staff working at home when not teaching (PPA/leadership time)
- Touch-free hand sanitisers in all classrooms and shared areas

What has been adapted?

- Playtimes will still be split in to two smaller groups of three year groups at a time but children can now mix within zones
- Masks for visitors advisory in communal areas
- Masks for contractors are advisory when indoor and compulsory around children and staff
- The 'one parent/carer' collection rule is relaxed but still advised to minimise contacts on the school grounds
- Staff meetings and Governor meetings a blend of face-to-face and online to suit

What is no longer in operation?

- The bubble concept and keeping classes apart. We will still take care with unnecessary indoor mixing. Classes can mix for things like phonics as they are in smaller groups in large spaces for such activities.
- Face masks for parents on the playground are no longer required but you are welcome to wear one if it helps you to face safe
- Self-isolation is not required for anyone under 18 years old or staff who have been vaccinated
- Online assemblies. Assemblies will be indoor and face-to-face again but classes spaced out more than they previously were.
- The reading system in the hall for siblings. People with a child in each time slot should arrive at 8.45am and collect at 3.15pm.
- A need to clean shared resources
- Water bottle rules. Water bottles should still be in school every day and rinsed/refilled by pupils and they are advised to be cleaned every week at home and returned. Drinking water/cups in the hall will return.
- The POD area for children with symptoms or illness will now become the general first aid area

