

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Return to school - Tuesday, 27th April 2021

Happily, our Premier has announced that schools will resume on Tuesday, 27th April 2021. Once again, thank you for your patience and understanding.

Whilst an easing of restrictions has been announced, the following Covid safe practices will be in place at Thornlie Primary School until further advice is received from the health authorities.

- Students are not required to wear a mask.
- I encourage parents to drop their children at the school gates
- Parents can enter the school site to drop off and collect their children but must adhere to safe Covid practices, including the wearing of masks.
- However, parents are not to enter classrooms before or after school, as this is likely to contravene the 4 square metre rule.
- All staff will always wear a mask, other than when face-to-face teaching. For all other activities at school, such as duty, working with colleagues and at the beginning and end of the day (meet and greet), a mask must be worn.
- Any planned meetings scheduled for this week, (Week 2) have been postponed until later, when the 4 square metre requirements might be eased.

### **School Operational Matters**

- The school canteen and Breakfast Club will be closed this week, however uniform purchases will be available through the P&C Box.
- Hand sanitizing will occur each time students enter a classroom.
- Our full time COVID cleaners will continue to sanitize hard surfaces throughout the day in high traffic areas.
- Students are to bring water bottles and these can be refilled at stations around the school.
- An update regarding Assemblies will be provided at a later date.
- Signage will be displayed at gates reminding parents and visitors of the need to wear masks when entering the school site.

I acknowledge how difficult the last few days may have been for everyone and we now look forward to getting the school week underway, seeing our students return and connecting with our community as we go forward. As further details emerge, we will continue to keep you up to date.

Yours sincerely

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