



# St Mary's Transition Back to Onsite Learning for Parents

## Teacher Responsibilities:

- \* Stay home if unwell
- \* Prioritise the wellbeing of students as they return to onsite learning, by providing regular opportunities for mindful breathing, mindful colouring, Circle Time activities and a range of opportunities (including fun) for students to reconnect
- \* Use antibacterial wipes regularly throughout the day to wipe down high touch areas, such as door handles, window mechanisms, light switches, remote controls of interactive whiteboards (if used by anyone other than the teacher)
- \* Continue to model appropriate hygiene practices, and encourage students to wash hands regularly
- \* Continue communicating with parents if and when necessary, ensuring all emails/phone calls are followed up in accordance with our communication protocols.

## Parent Responsibilities:

- \* Keep child/ren at home if they are sick
- \* Ensure child/ren wear their full **winter uniform** everyday, except for when they have their two nominated sports days
- \* Be respectful of pick up and drop off locations and time frames, as indicated below
- \* Respect restrictions on access to the school site for anyone other than immediate school staff and students
- \* Continue to wipe readers and library books with an antibacterial wipe, prior to returning to school
- \* Continue to model appropriate hygiene practices and encourage students to wash hands regularly
- \* Ensure child/ren have their own refillable water bottle every day, as there will be **NO access to the drinking fountains**
- \* Seek support from St Mary's staff, via email, if and when required
- \* Supply a hand sanitizer for your child/ren's bag - *optional*

## Student Responsibilities:

- \* Tell Mum or Dad if you are feeling sick
- \* Wear full **winter uniform** everyday, except for two nominated sports days, when sports uniform can be worn
- \* Return borrowed device (iPads) and charger to classroom teacher
- \* Wash hands regularly with soap and water, including before and after eating
- \* Sanitize your hands before entering classrooms
- \* Cough or sneeze into your elbow or a tissue (tissue straight into the bin) and wash your hands
- \* **Only drink from your own water bottle and refill from the taps (drinking fountains are not to be used)**
- \* Play safely with friends when outside



# Important Transition Information

Transition Dates	<p><b>Monday 25 May - SCHOOL CLOSURE</b> <b>Tuesday 26 May</b> - Foundation to Year Two students return to onsite learning</p> <p><b>Monday 8 June</b> - Queen's Birthday Public Holiday <b>Tuesday 9 June</b> - Year Three to Year Six students return to onsite learning</p>
Hygiene	<p>All students and staff are expected to maintain strict hygiene practices, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Washing hands with soap and water regularly - after toilet breaks, before and after eating, when coming back inside after breaks.</li><li>• Coughing and sneezing into elbows or a tissue, tissue to be discarded and hands washed.</li><li>• Sanitizer spray will continue to be available throughout the building, and students and staff should sanitize their hands before entering a classroom.</li></ul> <p>Students and staff <b>MUST</b> remain at home if feeling unwell. We respectfully ask for no parents to be on the school site, unless absolutely necessary. Parents will only have access to the foyer in the School Office, with only two people at a time. Please wait outside if there are already two parents inside.</p>
Cleaning	<p>Further to the inclusion of all 'High Touch Surfaces' being cleaned daily, additional progressive cleaning measures will be undertaken by cleaning staff during the day and will include all areas as is practicable, as well as the Playground and sports equipment.</p>
Social Distancing	<p>Air flow in all classrooms and spaces is encouraged, e.g. windows and doors partially open.</p> <p>Students will be encouraged to maintain social distancing of 1.5 metres <i>if practical</i>. Some desks may be separated as much as possible within classrooms, while students must work from the same seat/desk for the remainder of Term 2. Please <u>encourage your child to be respectful of personal space, especially for that of staff.</u></p> <p>Social distancing measures for staff have also been put in place.</p>
Mental Health and Wellbeing	<p>The mental health and wellbeing for all students, families and staff remains a high priority for us here at St. Mary's. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's classroom teacher, or a member of the Leadership team if you have any concerns.</p> <p>The following resources may be helpful in leading discussions with your children as they transition back to onsite learning. <a href="#">Back to School Today</a> - poem <a href="#">St Mary's Return to School</a> visual plan for children</p>

Drop Off /  
Pick Up  
Information

Parents should only be onsite if absolutely necessary, therefore, we are strongly encouraging all parents to be respectful of our new **'Kiss & Go'** protocols.

**Drop Off:**

Children are to be dropped off directly at the school grounds, either at the Church steps or Grant Street crossing, during the allocated time frames outlined below.

- **Group 1** - Surnames A-C - Grant Street crossing 8:30am - 8:40am
- **Group 2** - Surnames D-K - Grant Street crossing 8:40am - 8:50am
- **Group 3** - Surnames L-P - Church Steps 8:30am - 8:40am
- **Group 4** - Surnames Q-Z - Church Steps 8:40am - 8:50am

To minimise large gatherings of students before school, students will gather for their morning class lines on the lower playground or upper playground, as they do at the end of recess and lunch breaks. No access to our adventure playground before school.

- Students in FM, 4H, 1Ri, 1Ra and 5I are to line up on the lower playground before school, and enter the building through the lower door (near student toilets).
- Students in FL, 2M, 2W, 3C, 3D and 6S are to line up on the upper playground before school, and enter the building through the door between FL and the meeting room.

Classroom teachers will meet students outside at 8:40am (when music plays) and wait until 8:50am (bell), before moving inside. No students will enter the building prior to 8:50am.

**Pick Up:**

To ensure a smooth and safe dismissal of students at the end of each day, all classroom teachers will have their class packed and outside, with students sitting in their designated surname group by 2:55pm with siblings sitting together. We ask for parents to remain outside the school grounds for your child/ren to be dismissed from the exit points and times outlined below.

- **Group 1** - Surnames A-C - Grant Street crossing - Lower playground 3:00pm - 3:10pm
- **Group 2** - Surnames D-K - Grant Street crossing - Lower playground 3:10pm - 3:20pm
- **Group 3** - Surnames L-P - Church Steps - Upper playground 3:00pm - 3:10pm
- **Group 4** - Surnames Q-Z - Church Steps - Upper playground 3:10pm - 3:20pm

Two staff members will now be on duty both before and after school to supervise students as they enter and leave the school site. To minimise access to the school grounds, the double gate at the end of the laneway (from Grant Street) will remain

	<p>locked at all times. We apologise for the inconvenience this may cause, but hope you understand the need to control the number of people on site, through supervised entry/exit points.</p> <p>If wet weather during morning drop off, students will go directly to classrooms, where teachers will be present. If wet weather during afternoon dismissal, classroom teachers will ensure students are dismissed according to their groups, reminding students of dismissal location and time.</p>
Incursions / Excursions	There will be NO incursions or excursions for the remainder of Term 2. Virtual excursions ONLY.
Library	The School Library will be open for borrowing for Foundation to Year Two from Tuesday 26 May. Students in Years Three to Year Six can borrow from Tuesday 9 June. Students/parents are encouraged to please use an antibacterial wipe on their books, prior to returning to the Library
Assembly	There will be no assembly gatherings until further notice.
Camps	Year 5/6 Camp - normally held during Term 2, has been rescheduled for Term 4. Year 4 Camp - normally held during Term 3 is yet to be confirmed.
Sport Events	There will be no external sporting events until further notice. E.g Dendy Football and Netball events. Students may participate in PE lessons and extra sport activities on site as per normal.
Learning from Home	<p>Once levels are expected to be back learning on site, work <b>will not</b> be provided for parents choosing to keep their child/ren at home. The St Mary's Learning@Home portal will remain accessible, but work will not be updated.</p> <p>If your child/ren is medically vulnerable and unable to come to school, please speak with Shane Tobin, and work can be arranged.</p> <p>For students in Years 3-6 who need to learn onsite (as discussed with Shane Tobin), between Tuesday 26 May and Friday 5 June, they must be signed in at the School Office by an adult, and move directly upstairs to the open space where a supervising staff member will be present.</p>
Lunch Time Clubs	There will be no lunchtime clubs, Storytime, Coding Club, etc until further notice. SRC will be held in the Hall, every second Wednesday, commencing in week 8 (once all levels have returned)
OSHC	OSHC are planning for a resumption of OSHC and are currently developing a survey to garner the interest levels of families for this service. Additional information will be included in the School Newsletter tomorrow (21/5)
Classroom Cuisine	For the remainder of Term 2, Classroom Cuisine will be available two days a week, Wednesday and Friday, from Friday 29 May. Please see this week's school newsletter for further information.