



WEST LEEDERVILLE
PRIMARY

Dear Parents and Carers,

COVID-19 Update

The latest easing of restrictions by the WA Government is due to the continued low number of new COVID-19 cases. The current health advice is that we can cautiously begin to reopen or increase capacity of certain venues and facilities.

For schools, it has been announced that parents/carers will be permitted to enter school grounds to drop off or pick up their children from Monday, 8 June.

At West Leederville Primary School, the change in drop off and pick up operations has, for many parents and teachers, been surprisingly positive. The independence the children are showing, and the smooth start to each school day, has been beneficial to all.

Teachers, particularly in the early years, have found that the children relish the opportunity to have their teacher to themselves when they arrive at class in the mornings. They get to tell them stories about the goings on in their lives since last they saw them the day or week before. They are really enjoying the time to do this without their teacher's attention being drawn away. They are also demonstrating great autonomy in unpacking their bags, arranging their desks and getting ready for the day. We would love for this to continue.

In addition to the changed classroom environment, we have received feedback that traffic flow in the Kiss and Drive, and in general around the school, has also improved. It would be wonderful if we could keep this change in place.

In response to these unplanned positive outcomes we would like to trial a variation of morning staggered starts, encouraging parents to bring their children to the school gates and allow them to continue to independently make their way to class. Of course, if you have other business at the school in the morning, please feel welcome to come on site.

If possible, please have your children arrive at school at:

8.35am Surname letters A - M

8.45am Surname letters N - Z

This roster will rotate each term and feedback gathered, via survey, later in the year.

In the afternoon, all students will be dismissed at 3.05pm and parents are welcome to either meet their children inside or outside the school grounds. You are also welcome to say hello to the teacher at this time, however need to be mindful that social distancing of one person per two square meters must be adhered to. Please remember for any lengthy or confidential conversations an appointment should be made by emailing your child's teacher to arrange it.

Please do not enter the school hall or upstairs verandah until after the final siren and only if social distancing can be achieved. Your support with this is greatly appreciated.

The easing of restrictions is wonderful news, however we need to remember that this is as a result of our vigilance in taking hygiene precautions and social distancing. It is imperative that we continue to take these precautions, remembering to:

- practise social distancing in and around the school;
- continue washing and sanitizing our hands and reminding all students to do this regularly;
- continue with enhanced cleaning practices; and
- keep your children home if they are unwell.

In coming weeks, when further guidelines have been received from the Department of Education, I will update you on the re-introduction of other school events, such as faction athletics and open night.

Warm regards,

Fiona Kelly
Principal

