



WEST LEEDERVILLE
PRIMARY

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to the 2022 school year. It was so lovely to see all the familiar and new faces and smiles on Friday at our open classroom afternoon, and this morning for the beginning of the school day. So many of the students have grown a little taller over the holidays, it must have been all those yummy Christmas treats, swims at the beach and sunshine!

As we start the school year, we face a tricky predicament as the Government of Western Australia, Department of Health, eases Western Australians into living with COVID while limiting the spread of the virus to manageable levels.

In previous years and months, the management of community spread of COVID has seen a number of restrictions specified in a 'phase' approach with very clear parameters about social distancing, limits in specific areas and the aim of decreasing the spread of the virus to COVID Zero. Now we have community spread with a very different approach that at this point in time does not specify social distancing parameters for groups below 500.

While we have put in place a number of strategies to ensure safe hygiene practices, to ensure adequate ventilation, and to clean high touch surfaces frequently, we have been gathering information about managing adults on the school site and appropriate strategies to keep our students, staff and community safe.

Below are some guidelines for adult visitors to the school to support WLPS to operate in a COVID safe way for the foreseeable future, or until community spread is reduced or increases. Please see below information for your reference when on the school grounds.

Parents Entering the School Site

- All parents and carers are encouraged to put on their mask when entering the school grounds through the school gates.
- Parents and carers should limit their time on the school grounds to drop off and pick up only. Please do not stay on school grounds to catch up or talk to friends.
- Parents and carers should socially distance where possible, keeping a 1.5 metre space between them and other families.
- If you enter the classroom or school building, you must wear a mask (as per the directions of the Government of West Australia, Department of Health). This includes common spaces such as the Heritage Hall, Administration Office, Library, Verandahs and Undercover Area.
- Please Kiss n Drop at the classroom door, then move away so that other parents and carers can do the same.
- If it is necessary to enter the classroom, please limit the number of parents and carers in the classroom to 2 – 4 adults (in addition to the teachers and education assistants). Only one parent/carer should enter the classroom with your child.

- Please limit your contact with school facilities (such as railings, seats etc.) to what is necessary and use hand sanitiser before visiting and after leaving the school.

Playground Facilities – Before and After School

- Our playground will be closed before and after school.
- Our playground is cleaned regularly throughout the day before and after the students use the area. Our last clean is at 1.45pm, before another clean the following morning before students come out for recess. We cannot conduct another clean before or after school as our cleaners are focused on the classrooms at this time. Therefore we ask that you do not use our playground before or after school for the safety of our students and your children until further notice.

Parent Meetings

We will be holding our Parent Meetings as per our usual format. The Parent Meetings are a time for the teacher to speak to existing and new parents about the classroom routines and any information that might assist parents and carers to support their child throughout the year.

Each meeting is held from 7.50am – 8.20am.

However, each meeting will be held in a double room to allow more space to socially distance and we ask that only one parent from each family attend the sessions.

The classroom teacher will be in touch with you in the coming weeks with details of a date and time.

Thank you for your continued patience as we navigate this fluid and new environment. I do not know what the next six months will look like in schools, but I am deeply grateful that we have such a strong partnership with our school community, and I know that we will continue to work together to keep our students and staff safe.

If you have any queries, please contact 9381 1655 or email westleederville.ps@education.wa.edu.au

Thank you for your support.

Warmest Regards

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