



WEST LEEDERVILLE
PRIMARY

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

COVID UPDATE 6 FEBRUARY 2022

LIMIT IN-SCHOOL GATHERINGS OF STUDENTS AND STAFF TO CLASS GROUPS OR SMALL GROUPS WITHIN A YEAR LEVEL

On Friday 4 February, 2022, the Chief Health Officer advised that all WA schools should limit in-school gatherings of students and staff to class groups or small groups within a year level. This is to minimise the number of students or staff that might be impacted if there is a positive case in the school community at some point in the coming weeks.

At this stage, it is not necessary for us to postpone or cancel infrequent special events, such as interschool carnivals, camps, or school balls.

To ensure that West Leederville Primary School is compliant with this advice, we have developed a plan that will be in place until further notice:

- Classes will work within their classroom and with their teacher
- Classes will eat their lunch in separate areas of the school
- Students will have playtime with different blocks allocated to different areas of the school,
 - The lower ground floor of our southern building containing the Pre Primary Classes
 - The upper floor of our southern building containing the Year 1 and Year 4 Classes
 - The Heritage Building containing our Year 1, Year 2, and Year 3 Classes
 - The upper floor of our eastern building containing Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 Classes
- Staff will eat in different areas of the school and meet via video conference as appropriate
- Assemblies will be cancelled
- Morning fitness, junior sport and senior sport will be cancelled (students will still have PE lessons and do sport as a class)

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR PARENTS AND CARERS?

The aim of limiting in-school gatherings of staff and students is to minimise the number of close contacts if a student or staff member was to test positive to COVID.

Our aim is to also limit the number of close contacts if a parent or carer was to test positive. If a parent or carer was to visit multiple classrooms to drop off siblings in different year levels, and then test positive, there is potential to effect multiple classrooms and student cohorts.

For this reason, we ask that our parents and carers return to not entering the buildings or classrooms. Please follow the below precautions:

- Students in Kindergarten should say good bye to their parents and carers under the veranda of the classroom, please do not enter the room
- Students in PPA, PPB and PPC, and students in 1A, 1B, 4A and 4B should say good bye to their parents and carers on the basketball courts.
- Students in 1C, 1/2, 2A, 2/3, 3A, 3B and 3C should say good bye to their parents and carers outside the various entries Heritage Hall – please do not enter this building.
- Students in 4/5, 5A, 5B, 6A and 6B should say good bye to their parents and carers at the bottom of the stairs.

If you need to give the teacher a message, please use email, Seesaw or phone the school. If you need to meet with a teacher, please book a time via email or Seesaw.

Please limit your time on the school ground to drop off and pick up, and if appropriate arrange to drop off and pick up older students outside the school gates.

Please use phone or email to contact the school and only enter the administration building if necessary.

SWIMMING YEAR 3, 4, 5 and 6

Our Swimming Program for Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 will go ahead. To limit interaction between classes when travelling to and from the beach or swimming pool we have arranged either 'stretchy buses' enabling classes to enter the bus through separate doors and sit separately, or a bus for each class.

If you do not wish for your child to participate in Swimming Lessons in the coming weeks, please let the teacher know. We will make arrangements for your child to spend time in another classroom during this period instead of going to swimming.

As previously announced by the Chief Health Officer, there may be further public health measures introduced in schools in the event that we experience higher caseloads in the community which WA is not yet experiencing.

If you have any questions in relation to this, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

We will continue to provide your child with quality teaching and learning as we take sensible and proportionate actions to respond to the changing environment we are living in with COVID-19. I know that our community will support us in the coming weeks as we adjust to changes to the way we operate.

Warmest Regards,
Sheri Evans
Principal