



Kilkenny Primary School

Challenging Powerful Learners

20/3/2020

Dear Families,

I am writing to update you with measures Kilkenny Primary School are taking to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 contraction through our community and the general population. As a school site, we are bound to comply with Department for Education guidelines and directions on this matter. Staff and Governing Council will continue to work collaboratively and are committed to maintaining a safe learning environment for students, parents and staff while ensuring continuity of learning, routine and order are upheld.

The following information and or actions now apply:

- Parent teacher interviews are postponed indefinitely. Parents are invited to make contact with their child's class teacher through Dojo to discuss their child's learning and progress at school. All conversations will need to occur electronically or over the phone
- The school and staff are preparing for student learning at home. While we have no definitive dates in place for school closures, staff are making arrangements for this to occur
- All students who are generally unwell, must remain at home until they are completely well
- Staff, students and parents must adhere to and practise social distancing on school grounds as best as possible
- As communicated earlier, Sports Day 2020 will be postponed until Term 4. Students are invited to wear their team colours to school on Wednesday 25th March. The school canteen will be selling Sports Day iced donuts for \$3 on this day.
- NAPLAN testing is cancelled for 2020. State education ministers met today and made this decision
- Additional cleaning is occurring before and after school

We would also like to remind our families that next **Thursday 26th March is a Pupil Free Day**. Staff will be working at school on Australian Curriculum professional development.

A reminder that parents are still expected to communicate any days of absence with the school.

I will continue to provide transparent information to families in a timely manner as the situation evolves. The following resource may be useful to talk to children and reduce their anxieties around COVID-19.

<https://www.psychology.org.au/COVID-19-Australians>

Kind regards,
Peter Dunstan