



# Kilkenny Primary School

## Challenging Powerful Learners

24/3/2020

Dear Families,

This letter is to inform and update you with recent changes Kilkenny Primary School have introduced to support the health, safety and wellbeing of students, staff and families. These changes come into effect as of Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March and are to remain in place indefinitely. As site leader, I aim to be as transparent with you as possible and communicate all adjustments in a timely manner.

As we move deeper into the endemic the school's stance is on maintaining a degree of "physical distancing" to support all groups' well-being and safety as paramount.

These changes will apply immediately

As with our policy, students are not to be on the school grounds before 8:25am unless attending OSHC. No Staff are on duty until 8:25am. Students and families are asked to leave the site ASAP after the bell at 3:05pm.

Staff have been advised to leave the site soon after 3:30 pm and return home to follow isolation principles.

In order to maintain as much SOCIAL DISTANCING as possible, we are asking parents who bring their child to school to "drop at the front gate" if possible.

If you do need to bring your child into the school parents and caregivers are requested not to enter the classroom or any other learning space. Children need to be dropped off and collected from outside the classroom at all times. In making this request, we keep in mind that we don't want to cause any undue stress or worry to the students or parents; therefore, if you need to accompany your child into classrooms, please do so with social distancing in mind, particularly for our youngest children, those in Foundation classes and Pre-school.

Face to face parent/caregiver meetings are no longer going ahead. All parent/teacher conversations are to occur digitally or over the phone. If you could limit office interaction to phone calls that would be appreciated.

The Kitchen Garden Program has been cancelled indefinitely

The Read Write Inc phonics program is now only occurring in your child's class

All school support staff (SSOs) that support teaching and learning, will now only operate within one classroom indefinitely

All external support services will no longer be permitted to enter the school grounds

The canteen will be shut during weeks 10 and 11.

The Resource Centre will be closed for borrowing indefinitely.

**Learning from Home/ Distance learning:** staff onsite are busily putting together learning programs suitable for both school and home/ distance learning over the weeks leading up to the holiday period.

In order for a consistent roll out of learning, please do not ask teachers for work until our next update later this week. As a whole school we will roll out our programs to you next week via Class Dojo. A brief survey will be sent shortly to get responses for our work so this can occur.

A reminder that tomorrow students are invited to wear their sports colours.

Thursday is Pupil Free Day for students as staff will continue to plan work.

I appreciate your understanding and support at this time. As a school we respect your decision to keep your child at home and will have school and home programs for consistent learning moving forward.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Regards,

Peter Dunstan