

In preparation for the possibility of WA schools being impacted by an outbreak of COVID-19 in the community, the following plan outlines the adjustments to be made at Jolimont Primary School.

If schools move to remote learning, there may be times where children of essential workers are attending school. Students who attend school during this time will complete the same content which has been prepared for online delivery for students who are learning at home. This is to ensure consistency and allow teachers to continue to provide consistent, high quality, educational programs for all students. We will employ relief teachers, if required, to assist us with this delivery.

Students who learn at home will have access to the same activities/program. This will assist parents who must isolate their children at home or are directed by the government to stay at home. The school is fortunate to have a dedicated team of staff members to provide support and guidance to enable parents to maintain an educational program at home. No matter the choice, all students will be taught and supported by our school. It will not be business as usual, as there will be changes to our school operations on site to comply with health advice and Government directives. These possible changes are outlined below.

Communication

We will continue to communicate with parents and our school community through Connect and the school email address. We will provide updates as soon as is practical after major announcements from the Government, to ensure we are able to respond to changes to requirements in a safe and timely manner.

Thank you for your continuing support, your care for our community and for following the Government and Department of Education guidelines during the different Phase mandates.

On-site Operations

Children Who Are Unwell

We will require parents to keep their children at home if they show cold or flu like symptoms. If a child presents at school with any these, parents will be contacted and children will be sent home. Please do not send children back to school until they have fully recovered and where required comply with current Health Department directives

When parents are not on school site the following arrangements will be in place:

Kindy & Pre-primary: School Drop Off

- Students to be dropped off at Kindy/Pre-primary gate.
- Students will be greeted by a staff member, and then led to class.

Years 1 and 2: School Drop Off

- Students to be dropped off at the front gate.
- Students will be greeted by a staff member and assisted to class if needed.

Years 3 to Year 6: School Drop Off

- Students to be dropped off at the library gate.
- Students will be greeted by a staff member and will make their way to their classroom.



Students with Siblings

- Families with more than one child may choose to drop family members at the front gate and then move to the Kindy/Pre-primary gate. Students will be greeted by a staff member who will accompany them to class, if this is required.
- At the close of the school day, there are several gates open to collect your children.
- Please arrange a meeting spot with your children and collect from one gate.

No early arrivals will be allowed on site and all children must leave the school grounds by 3:15pm. School playgrounds cannot be used before or after school hours.

Limited Activities

The following activities may be placed on hold until further notice:

- Library borrowing
- Excursions
- Incursions
- Choir
- School Assemblies
- Band
- Senior Sport & Interschool Sport



Recess and Lunch Eating Times

Students will sit in cohorts for eating time to reduce the number of students in one place.

- Kindergarten and Pre-primary Early Childhood lawn area.
- Years 1 & 2 Undercover Area
- Year 3 Verandah of Staff Room Block
- Year 4 Verandah of Senior Block in front of Room 14
- Years 5 & 6 Verandah of Senior Block in front of Rooms 11 & 12

Recess and Lunch Play Areas

Students will play in their own areas to reduce the contact between large numbers of students.

- Kindergarten and Pre-primary Early Childhood lawn area.
- Years 1 & 2 Basketball Courts and Undercover Area
- Years 3 & 4 Bush Cubby Area and Fort
- Years 5 & 6 Below the middle pathway, including the playground, nature play zone, spider web and on the Oval

Where to Next?

These measures will remain in place until further announcements are made by the government, which will direct our operating plans and organisational elements.

Learning at Home at Jolimont

We remain committed to providing high quality support for parents whose children are required to remain at home isolating during this time. High quality teaching programs have been designed by all classroom teachers to ensure that every student receives a program, and that support and guidance will be available from qualified staff, even while students complete work at home.

Loaned iPads

A borrowing system of iPads will be set up to cater for students with no or limited access to a device at home. Parents will be able to request and complete a loan application. Please email <u>Jolimont.ps@education.wa.edu.au</u> with the subject line, 'iPad Loan', to start this process.

Dedicated Classroom Teachers

Classroom teachers and education assistants are dedicated to connecting with children through the Learning at Home program. They will make contact with all families, who have a child learning at home, to ensure they are provided with guidance and support.

Attendance

The school will continue to monitor, record and follow-up attendance during this time. If your child is at home and participating in the Learning at Home program, their classroom teacher will mark them as present for learning.

If your child is unwell and not completing the Learning at Home program, we ask that you register their absence via SMS 0437 312 688 or through the absentee form on our website.

How We Will Operate

We have three different modes of operation in the event we are effected by Covid-19 which are listed below.

In the event of Learning at Home, Kindergarten to Year 4 students will access their learning via the Seesaw platform and Microsoft Teams. Room 14 will use Seesaw and Microsoft Teams. Students in Rooms 11 and 12 will operate through Connect and Microsoft Teams. If you require additional iPads for your family to access the Learning at Home program, please see the section above on, 'Loaned iPads'.

1. My child is sick

If your child is unwell, we look forward to welcoming them back to school when they have recovered. It is not an expectation that your child will complete work when they are sick.

2. My child is isolating

In the event of a child needing to isolate, they will be able to learn alongside the class as much as possible. Teachers will engage with students at home using the Microsoft Teams Platform, Connect and Seesaw.

Face to Face Engagement

Between 9am and 10am each day, teachers will engage face to face with students through posted videos or Microsoft Teams Meetings. Teachers will provide an outline of the day at this time and learning activities for the morning.

As families will be isolating together, the amount of time spent on Video Calls or learning platforms linked to the classroom will be dependent on the devices in the household. iPads can be loaned from JPS by contacting our front office. Microsoft 365 can be downloaded for free by all students at Department of Education schools.

Learning Activities

The learning activities being completed by the class at school will be shared with the student at home through Seesaw or Connect (Rooms 11 & 12). This can then be marked by the teacher at school.

Workbooks and Textbooks

If the classroom program requires it, we will bundle your child's books to be collected for use at home during isolation. Please contact the front office by phone to arrange a non-contact pick up/drop off.

3. My child's class or Jolimont Primary School is closed

Weekly Overview

A weekly overview will be provided for students through Seesaw (Connect for Rms 11 and 12). This will be sent out on a Friday, in preparation for the following week and will highlight when to refer to Specialist teacher lessons.

Classroom Teachers will set up Teams Meetings or send videos for your child to engage with learning between 9am and 10am, each day. This will be when key lesson content is delivered, and class discussions will occur. Students will then work on activities set by the teacher and return them for feedback and marking.

We understand that Learning from Home is complex, and we encourage parents to reach out for support when it is required.

Daily Routine

A consistent daily routine will be used across the school. The suggested sequence may include

- Morning Message/Greeting
- Morning engagement activity
- English activity
- o Break
- Maths activity
- o Break
- Integrated Studies activity/Specialist activity



Kindergarten

The Kindergarten program will be flexibly tailored to the needs of the family and the Kindergarten Curriculum.

Handy Tips

The 'Handy Tips' tab on our website can assist with setting up your at home learning environment. We have covered several important areas.

- Learning environment at home
- Safely learning at home
- Seesaw 'How to Use' Guide
- Microsoft Office 365
- Literacy
- Maths
- Board games



How to communicate with your child's teacher

All parent communication with the classroom teacher needs to be through email only. Teachers aim to reply to communication within school hours. The Seesaw and Microsoft Teams platforms are used specifically for student and teacher interactions.

Support Programs

Our support staff play an incredibly important role in the connection our students experience. Our learning support teacher, education assistants, School Psychologist and Chaplain are able to engage with students in the event of a long-term closure through Microsoft Teams. If support is required, please contact

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If you have any immediate concerns, please email <u>Jolimont.ps@education.wa.edu.au</u> so that we can work with and support your family.