

Wednesday October 20th, 2021

Dear parents and carers,

We are so excited to be heading back into the classroom on Thursday! We sure have missed seeing you all in real life!

To help maintain a healthy and safe learning space, we will be doing the following:

- keeping class doors and windows open whenever possible, so please ensure that students come to school with a jumper and warm clothes
- eating outside when we can
- frequent sanitising and handwashing, especially before and after eating
- all teachers will be wearing masks and students are encouraged to as well
- from the beginning of September until the end of April, all students are required to wear a sunsmart hat (wide brimmed, bucket or legionnaires hat) whilst outside, so please do not forget.

The main gate on Argyle Street and the pedestrian gate on Blandford Street will be open from 8:50am in the morning and then again from 3:20pm for the afternoon pick up. The gates will be closed at 9am sharp, so any students coming late will be required to sign in at the office.

Please remember that you can drop children at their classroom, however you will not be able to enter the room. We encourage the 'kiss and go' strategy, which has proved effective in the past. Students will come straight into their room when they arrive at school, where their teacher will be.

At the 3:30pm pickup, please wait for your child outside, and the teacher will bring the class out to be dismissed. You are required to head straight home and please do not linger on the school grounds.

Next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday when Grade 1 students are not onsite, we will continue to run remote learning lessons as usual. We will have our 9:15am class meeting, followed by small group sessions or one on one check ins. We will continue to post weekly outlines on a Sunday for you to access at a time suitable to you.

We are unable to send take home books at this time, so please continue to access books online, using Sunshine Online and Epic!

It does take a village to raise our children, and what an amazing village Footscray West Primary School is!

Thank you for your continued support.

Heather, Caitlin, Lauren, Trang and Jess