



25 March 2020

Coronavirus Parent Update #4

Dear Parents and Guardians

We want to assure you that we are continuing to take the precautions and measures required of a school to ensure a safe and welcoming environment for our staff and students. There will be more changes to come and as they do, can we encourage you to find ways to remain connected with one another and with the School? At the heart of Leighland Christian School is a desire to build community, to be together and to create opportunities where this can happen. However, we are entering a season (and it is only a season) where we need to take some drastic measures. Having said that, we are so pleased to have you as parents and guardians journeying through this with us.

Social Distancing

What does social distancing look like in the:

Primary School

- We are minimising our students' movement from space to space by staying in their own classrooms as much as possible;
- Specialist teachers, such as Mrs Polden, will go to the classrooms rather than have all the children in the School using her one classroom;
- Only 5-6 students at a time are entering the Burnie Library and we are no longer reading a story to the whole class;
- At Ulverstone, whole classes are still able to attend Library times together due to the availability of more space;
- Students are washing their hands with soap and water several times a day, and using hand sanitiser in the classroom as it is needed;
- We are sending any students home who have been identified by the teacher or first aid staff as having even mild cold or flu like symptoms. We have purchased touchless thermometers to assist us in this process;
- Doors have been chocked open to minimise points of contact in high traffic areas.

High School

- We are monitoring and managing student proximity in classrooms and play areas;
- Students are washing their hands with soap and water several times a day, and using hand sanitiser in the classroom as it is needed;
- We are sending any students home who have been identified by the teacher or first aid staff as having even mild cold or flu like symptoms. We have purchased touchless thermometers to assist us in this process;
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Provision of work for parents opting to have their children at home

We appreciate and support a parent's decision to keep their child home in this time of uncertainty. We continue running classes on each campus, until such time we are told to close by Governing authorities, where a full curriculum will be delivered.

We ask that you notify the School in writing or via email that you have made this decision for your family to stay at home and then every effort will be made to get school work to you in a timely manner. We ask that

"...Bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord." (Ephesians 6:4)

you please work with us and accept that it may not be possible to send work home on the day that you notify the School, as teachers need time to adjust to these requests as well as run their classrooms and maintain school routines each day.

The best process would be to:

Primary School

- Email the School Office of your decision;
- Email the class teachers so that they are aware of your choice. Some parents may have already communicated to the Admin Office prior to this Parent Communication about your intentions. Please know that this information has been passed onto teachers;
- Arrange a time with them to collect/receive work as well as student books (recognising that it may not be possible to do so on the same day that you notify);
- Discuss with the teacher ongoing arrangements on how to pick up new work and to bring in completed work for marking. This can also be supported digitally to some extent.

Secondary School

- Email the School Office of your decision;
- Email the class teachers so that they are aware of your choice. Some parents may have already communicated to the Admin Office prior to this Parent Communication about your intentions. Please know that this information has been passed onto teachers;
- Arrange a time with them to collect work as well as student books (recognising that it may not be possible to do so on the same day that you notify)
- Discuss with the teacher ongoing arrangements on how to pick up new work and to bring in completed work for marking. This can be supported digitally if you so choose.


Entry to school buildings

As we continue to respond to regulations and to minimise contact between each other, the following changes will take place from Monday 30 March.

Communication to the School Office should be via phone where possible. If you do need to speak to the staff in person, for example, you are facilitating a late drop off or early pick up, please use the hand sanitiser provided.

Parents will need to follow the entry signs into the School and not drop or pick up students from their classrooms. Please read the specific information relevant to the Campus your child attends.

Burnie Campus

- From the front car park and bus drop off, entry will be up past the School storage sheds and around the side of the sports shed to the undercover area for both morning and afternoon pickup. PLEASE FOLLOW THE SIGNS; 
- For parents using the back car park, your entry and exit points will remain the same;
- Kinder and Prep parents will continue as normal as there is immediate access to these rooms from the undercover area;
- The School gates will be unlocked at 8.10am (no change) in the morning and at 3.00pm (please note the new time) in the afternoon. We ask that parents maintain social distancing while waiting to collect their children and then head off campus rather than staying for a chat;
- The break out area in front of the Library will only be accessible to the students catching the bus, as well as the duty teacher.

Ulverstone Campus

- Kinder and Prep parents will continue as normal with dropping off their children. However, once your child is settled, please immediately move out of the School and avoid loitering in the school grounds;
- The School gates will be unlocked at 8.30 in the morning and at 2.30 in the afternoon. We ask that parents collect their children and then head off campus rather than staying for a chat. If you are a Primary parent

that does not have a Kinder or Prep student, then you will need to wait near the bike shed area/ Leighland school bus parking area, exercising social distancing with other parents;

- High School parents can wait for their children on the Western playground oval, also exercising social distancing.

Planning for the future

Please rest assured that we are hard at work as we continue to deliver a quality Christian education to all our students. The Senior Leadership and Senior Staff teams have been unpacking what schooling will look like should we be told to shut our doors, for a period of time. We are investigating:

- Lesson delivery methods;
- lesson formats that can be followed at home and will keep students engaged with their learning;
- lesson resourcing;
- how to stay connected with one another, pray for and with one another;
- what a daily routine could look like if schooling was to move into the home for a period of time;
- how we will distribute and collect materials for marking and assessment;
- how we will communicate with families and each other;
- what we need to have in place to equip our teachers in this delivery process;
- how we support students on ILP's and SSP's when they are working from home;
- How we best equip parents as they partner with the School to supervise and help students.

If you would like to speak to us about your personal concerns, or want to be reassured in any way, please do not hesitate to contact the campus Principal as we are only too happy to meet with you.

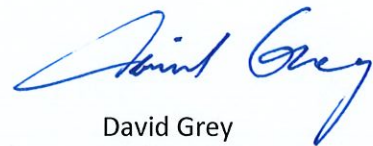
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