



# Chertsey Primary School

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## COVID-19 Update as of Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope everyone is safe and well and you've managed to enjoy your time at home under the current Health Orders.

As you know, the Health Orders have been extended and that schools on the Central Coast will not return to face to face teaching and learning Week 1, Term 3 (Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July [for staff] and Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July [for students] until Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July). We know this is not ideal for our students, parents, and staff however we must follow this advice to keep each other safe and reduce the amount of positive cases in NSW. During Monday, staff have been rostered on to collect urgent resources and materials that they may require to begin remote learning and teaching from home and will participate in online learning and preparation for the latter parts of the day. Like last year, a staffing roster has been developed to reduce the number of staff onsite during this week.

Families are encouraged to keep their children at home next week. From Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July we will have minimal supervision for students that need to be at school due to parents who are essential workers and most staff will be working from home. All non-essential visitors are unable to enter the school grounds during this time. A survey will be distributed for parents via SchoolStream and Facebook to determine how many students will be attending so that we can reduce the number of staff onsite. The survey link is [Term 3 Week 1 Students Learning From Home \(google.com\)](#). I urge you to complete this survey so we can follow the guidelines appropriately. For staff onsite, they are required to follow Health Orders by wearing masks, distancing and use QR codes when on and off site as is required for other settings in NSW. As we have had in place for some time, any student, teacher, or staff member with any symptoms, or who is feeling unwell, should not attend school and should take a COVID test immediately. Anyone who has been off sick from school will be required to return a negative COVID test before being permitted to return to school. Students and staff who have attended any venue of concern identified by NSW Health should follow NSW Health advice.

Students will be working on the same work program whether they are at home or at school. Families who do not have access or have unreliable access to appropriate technology will be able to collect work packs from the main street entrance (Willow Road). From 10 am Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July, physical copies of remote learning packs will be available. Learning packs can be collected outside the Willow Road gate (to the right of the staff carpark). Please QR code and physically distance if you are picking up a pack to ensure everyone's safety, this also applies for parents/carers where it is deemed essential that they come onto the school grounds.

Due to these Health Orders, the Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 excursion that was planned for Week 2, will be postponed to a later date. We will provide further excursion information once it is finalised.

Further information will be provided through our SchoolStream app and Facebook page as we receive advice from the Department of Education and NSW Health. As our staff are currently on school holidays, I politely request that you do not contact them via SeeSaw. Teachers' will contact parents of students learning at home on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July and provide specific information on what the week will look like for their class. These calls may come through as 'no caller ID' if staff are working remotely.

I understand that this is unsettling for our students and families and the juggling that we have all been doing during this school holiday break has been a challenge. It is unfortunate that we are in this situation again however we all did a wonderful job engaging in remote learning last year and we maintained the health of all of us. I trust that we will all continue to support each other during this time.

Please reach out for support early next week, whether that is to each other or to us as a school. Everyone's wellbeing and education continues to be our priority. Wellbeing support that is available to all can be found on <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/health-and-wellbeing/your-mental-wellbeing> .

Please stay safe, follow the current Health Orders and look after each other.

Yours sincerely,



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