



PARENT BRIEFING #3

COVID-19



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Dear Parents and Caregivers

The Minister for Education and Training, the Hon Sue Ellery and the Minister for Child Protection and Community Services, the Hon Simone McGurk announced yesterday the new high caseload protocols specifically for schools.

Key points from the announcement are as follows:

- Additional measures in place to keep schools and childcare settings operating safely in a high caseload environment;
- New testing and isolation protocols beginning today, reducing isolation to seven days;
- New health measures to reduce movement and exposure risks on school sites;
- Indoor events prohibited;
- Restricting groups of students to contact with their year cohort, where possible;
- Expanding mask wearing for parents;
- New arrangements for contact and interactions between staff and parents.

SCHOOL EVENTS

Schools have been instructed to undertake measures to minimise the risk of COVID-19 entering or being transmitted on school grounds. These steps include:

- Prohibiting indoor face-to-face events (such as meetings, performances and rehearsals)
- Cancelling or postponing school camps;
- Limiting the contact between different year groups, which may include modification to timetables, break times, and pick-up and drop-off times, where practicable;
- Postponing the start date for all extra-curricular after school related activities.

PARENTS ON SCHOOL SITES

- Parents are permitted on school sites for drop-off and pick-up, in outdoor locations only;
- A parent should only attend the school office to collect a child for an appointment during the day or in the event of a significant pastoral or welfare issue related to their child;
- Interactions by staff with parents should take place over the phone or via email/online;
- Gathering of parents on school sites should be avoided;
- Parent-teacher interviews should occur online or over the phone;
- Mask wearing compulsory for parents when they are on the school site.

We are currently finalising our Cohorting Plan to keep our students and staff as safe as possible and I am also working with the canteen staff, to limit the contact between different year groups when purchasing items from the canteen.

Thank you for your support in keeping our Liwara community safe.

Yours sincerely

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Principal