

Cambridge Gardens Public School

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Dear Parents

Every day is bringing us changes and new challenges!

A big congratulations to everyone for the way in which you are dealing with this current situation in your own homes! As a school, the new restrictions today with only having 4 members of staff on site has obviously made a number of our processes and practices unworkable and we are working today to implement some new strategies. Thanks for your patience as we sort through these. Let us know what's not working for you so we know the areas we need to focus on.

Onsite Attendance

I would like to start by re-emphasising the message about students attending school.

Parents must keep children - of all ages, across primary and secondary schooling and early childcare - home if they can.

I would like to remind all parents of this. If you are at home, working or otherwise your children should also be at home. It is also certainly not a student choice or option. It is essential that we reduce the level of mobility and interaction across our community. It is also important that we are mindful of the advice of the affect that the Delta virus can have on children. Please keep your children at home.

We had higher numbers of children at school today than expected which made staffing and access difficult. We look for your co-operation in reducing the numbers of children at school tomorrow as per the NSW Government and Department of Education's intentions.

Booklets

Hopefully all families will have had the opportunity to pick up booklets for this week or have asked for the booklets to be posted. Booklets will not be placed outside for the remainder of the week. If you require a booklet, please ring the school and they will be placed outside on the table.

In regards to the return of completed booklets, they can be placed in the labelled tubs. Please note that as staff are not attending on site, paper booklets may not be checked by the classroom teacher until they have access to them. Teachers, will however, be able to check booklets that are emailed to them or that are uploaded to the Google Classroom.

For questions, regarding to class work, in the first instance we ask that you ask a question in the Google Classroom. The comment section will be open from 9.10-3.10 daily and will be answered as soon as possible by a teacher on the grade. For more immediate questions, please ring the school. Please note that as we only have one person in the school administration, that there may be a delay in response to phone enquiries.



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Google Classroom

Tomorrow we will be trialling the use of Zoom for a grade catch up and chat with Year 6. Once we have that going well we will expand it out to other grades were possible and look to running work check ups and some lessons live in this fashion. We will keep you updated on our progress with this.

Most issues that people are having is that they are not accessing through the student portal.

If you have technology issues please ring the school for support.

- The unit of work will also be placed on the Google Classrooms platform as another access point for our families.
- A video has been placed on the school Facebook page and a how to document has been attached with this note. This will show you how to login to Google Classrooms via the student portal and how to access this style of communication once on the platform. Students will require their student portal login to access this. If you require your student's portal information please follow the instructions above and email the school with the correct subject heading 'student portal'.
- Additionally, you can follow the link below to access the Google Classroom for each grade, however you will still require your students portal login.
- Students will need a joining code, which is outlined below. Please only join the grade that your child is in. Any child joining the incorrect classroom will be deleted and will need to rejoin the correct class. Please also ensure that **only students** join the classroom as anyone joining from outside the Department of Education will be breaching our student's online safety and will be deleted.
- If parents have any questions, please contact Mr Wood on the school email or by the school phone.

Class codes

Kindergaten - taxm4wj

Year 1 - jvr7qqz

Year 2 - 42bjpt5

Year 3 - 5c5qn5i

Year 4 - ddkwn5b

Year 5 - zrdthqz

Year 6 - ow3az72

Links

Kindergaten - <https://classroom.google.com/c/MzcxMTg5NzIzMTc1?cjc=taxm4wj>

Year 1 - <https://classroom.google.com/c/MzcxMTg5NzIzMjI4?cjc=jvr7qqz>

Year 2 - <https://classroom.google.com/c/MzcxMTkwMDAxMTI2?cjc=42bjpt5>

Year 3 - <https://classroom.google.com/c/MzcxMTkwMDAxMTky?cjc=5c5qn5i>

Year 4 - <https://classroom.google.com/c/MzcxMTkwMDAxMjYw?cjc=ddkwn5b>

Year 5 - <https://classroom.google.com/c/MzcxMTkwMDAxMzAy?cjc=zrdthqz>

Year 6 - <https://classroom.google.com/c/MzcxMTkwMDAxMzM3?cjc=ow3az72>

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Student Entry and Exit to School Grounds

Entry to and exit from the school will continue to be through the southern gate which is the gate to the left of the school administration. Please remember that supervision commences at 8.40am. No student should be attending prior to this time and with such a reduction in staff it becomes a safety issue for your child. This gate will be monitored by a staff member with students being directed straight to the classroom in C Block to meet the teachers for the day.

In the afternoon all students will exit through the same gate, allowing parents to utilise the kiss and drop zone and to stay in their cars.

Student Passwords

Mathletics/Reading Eggs/Student Portal Logins

- We understand that some students forget or misplace their student portal, Reading Eggs and/or Mathletics usernames and passwords. If you require a reminder, can you please email the school account (cambridgeg-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) with the subject 'Reading Eggs', 'Mathletics' and/or 'Student Portal'.
- We will endeavor to reply in a timely manner to ensure students have access to these learning resources.
- All Year 5 and 6 have access to Reading Eggspress so please send an email to request your password.

Public Transport Information

Whilst we don't have any dedicated bus services and usually few children make use of public transport, please note the information below and take action if it affects you.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, Transport for NSW will be running a reduced timetable that will include changes to some school bus routes from Monday 19 July. While there has been a significant drop in students attending class in person due to learning at home in Greater Sydney, parents and carers need to consider all their travel options for students. Please plan ahead as your child's regular school service may not be running. Transport for NSW will continue working with the Department of Education and will monitor the network as these changes roll out. Please use your private vehicle if you can and for those essential workers needing to use the network, please plan ahead as there will be changes to your usual trip.

Thanks for your understanding and support as we work through all the challenges for learning from home. The most important thing is that you and your family is safe and at home where possible.

Have a great night

Adam Wynn
Principal
19/07/21