

Cambridge Gardens Public School

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FIRST DAY PROCEDURES

Dear Parents

A big welcome back and happy new year to everyone following our Christmas and New Year holidays. We hope that everyone had a wonderful time with their family and friends and we look forward to all our students returning to school refreshed and eager. We are looking forward to an excellent and productive year of learning.

As expected we are still operating under COVID-19 guidelines, basically schools are being asked to operate under the same procedures as we were in November with some slight variations. We understand that many schools are operating in different ways and that often media reports can sometimes not be as accurate as we would hope leading to some confusion across the community.

To ensure the easiest transition back to school, we will be implementing the following processes for tomorrow and Monday:

1. **All children will enter the school grounds via the main gate next to the front office. This gate will be open from 8.40am with the bell ringing at 9.10am.** We were so proud of how well our students were able to arrive at school in 2020, and expect that our students will be able to continue this process. As you would be aware, the guidelines permit Year 1 and 2 parents to enter the school grounds to drop their children. Until all parents are permitted to enter the school grounds, we would prefer that all students continue to enter the school grounds independently. We will have a drop off zone for any Year 1 or 2 parents who need to utilise this area. Those parents will be permitted to enter via the main school gate, walk to the end of the garden, kiss and drop their child and exit via the gate next to the hall. Please understand that parents are not permitted outside of this drop off zone at this stage. We look for your support of these school processes.
2. As we know, many parents would enjoy to stay on the grounds tomorrow in order to know their child's teacher, class and classroom location for 2021. Unfortunately this is not possible at this stage. Students will be moving to their 2020 class at the commencement of the day, so that the school can ascertain numbers for 2021 classes. As you would be aware, we still have high numbers of parents deciding to move to their new local school at Jordan Springs PS and this may impact on our class structures. If we move to our new 2021 classes on Friday, students will bring home a note indicating their class, their teacher and their classroom location for 2021 and processes for Monday.
3. In the afternoon the school will continue with the staggered finish to the day to ensure parents are not at risk of congregating around the entrances. For tomorrow and next week the following will be in operation:



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All students in Year 5-6 will collect their younger siblings at 2.55pm

At 3pm, all Year 5 and 6 students (Stage 3) will depart with their younger siblings through the gates next to the staffroom.

At 3.10pm, all Year 3 and 4 students (Stage 2) and their younger siblings will depart with their younger siblings through the gate next to the staffroom.

At 3.10pm, all Year 1 and 2 students (Stage 1) will depart through the carpark gate next to the staffroom.

Some other points to consider:

All children are expected to bring their own refillable water bottles to school. Please ensure these are clearly labelled so that it is easily identified and can be returned if left in the classroom or playground.

If parents need to meet with a teacher, this can be done in person or via zoom by making an appointment through the front office. Please consider carefully if the discussion can also take place over the phone.

We also ask that parents only attend the front office if it is essential, preferably please make enquiries via telephone. With new enrolments we expect the front office to be extremely busy over the next few days so please phone or email to avoid congestion.

Over the next week we will continue to consider the guidelines and make changes to our processes as appropriate. If you have any questions please contact the school on 47301201.

We look forward to having a wonderful Term 1.

Thanks as always for your outstanding support as we all work together to ensure the safety of our students, parents, school staff and the wider community.

Have a great night

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