Foster Primary School

COVID 19
HEALTH & SAFETY GUIDE

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Transition back to on-site schooling

Monday 25th May is a PUPIL FREE DAY. No online or onsite teaching will be happening on that day as we will be preparing for the return to school. We will use this day to ensure the health advice will be followed in our school, re-establish school routines, establish an approach to assessing student learning progress during the period of remote and flexible learning, and identify students in need of immediate health and wellbeing support.

We will also be telephoning parents/carers of Prep -2 students to book a time for **borrowed devices** to be returned to school.

Prep, One and Two are returning to school on Tuesday, 26th May.

Arrival and Departure (Please see map)

For Junior children next week, to support them with their transition back to school, a teacher from the Junior area will meet the children at the main front gate on Pioneer Street and then take the children into school. We ask that parents do not enter school grounds (unless absolutely essential) at this stage as per Department requirements. If you need to talk to a teacher, office staff or myself please email or telephone the school (56822370) to make an appointment first.

Please pick up your child/ children in the pickup/ drop off zone near the colourful cow/ front playground area and marked by cones/ signage. Please do NOT go beyond this point unless you have contacted the school to make an appointment.

Grades 3-6 pickup/ drop off zone will be in the front area near the staff car park. We ask that from Tuesday, 26th May, all parents/ carers do not go beyond this point.

If you enter via the crossing and over the creek, the drop off/ pick up zone will be near the play equipment to the rear of the pavilion. Signage will also be displayed here.

Physical distancing remains in place for adults so please maintain the 1.5 metre social distancing spaces whilst waiting for your children or dropping them off. Our school staff will be operating out of three different staffrooms. Parents/ carers are NOT to come onto site without first having made an appointment via email/ telephone. Physical distancing measures will be in place at the main office.

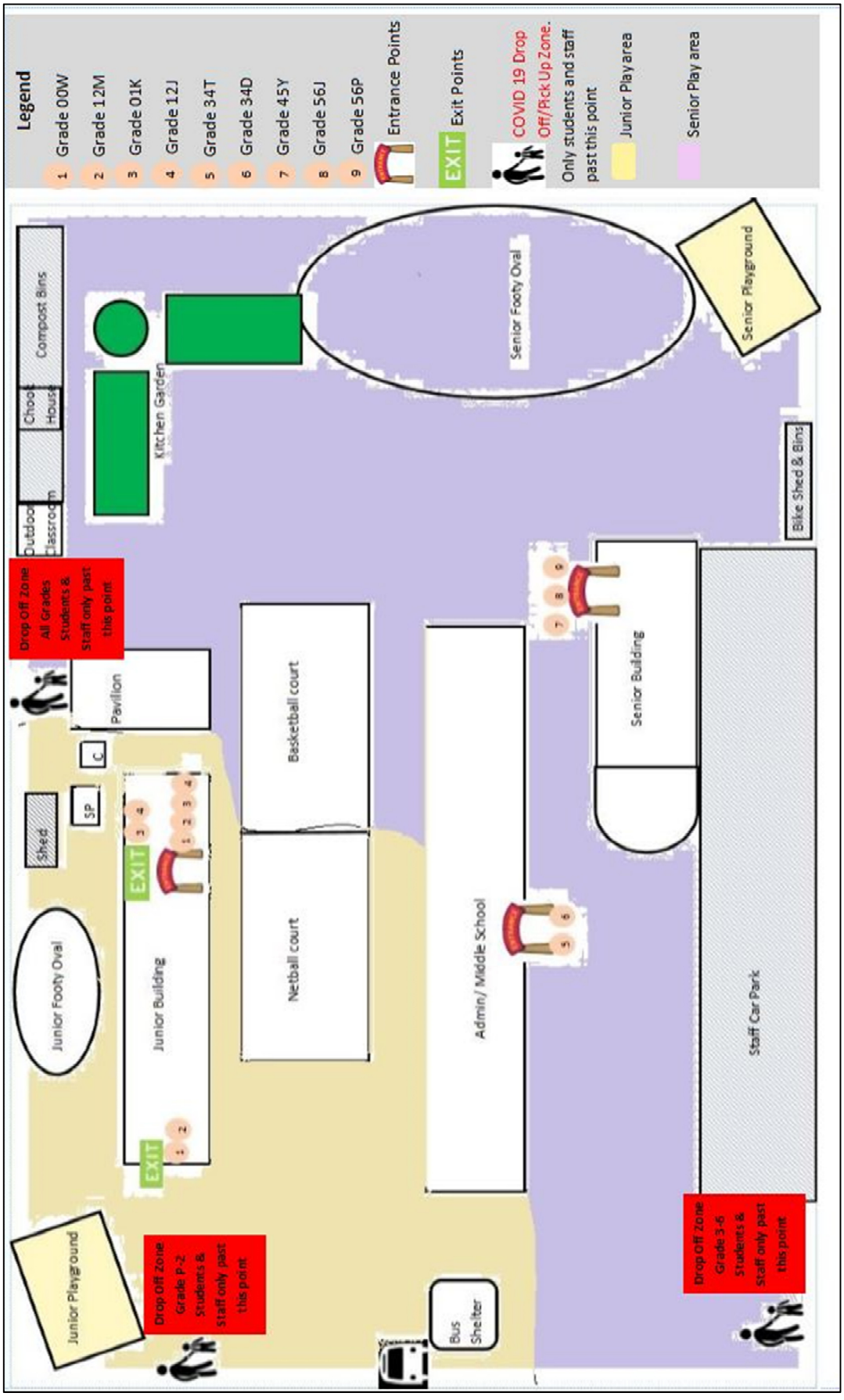
Adults are asked to minimise time on the footpaths around the school site.

Onsite supervision will still only be available for **children in Grades 3-6** for those students who cannot be supervised at home or are vulnerable. An attendance form **must** be completed by Friday each week, for the following week. **Grades 3-6 will return on the 9th June, following the Queen's Birthday on the 8th June.**

The Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) has advised that a 'venue density rule' of no more than one person per four square metres is not appropriate or practical in classrooms or corridors, nor maintaining 1.5 metres between students during classroom activities. Therefore, the previously established ratio of 10 students per class is no longer required in schools.

All students in the year levels returning to on-site schooling are expected to attend school. Schools are not expected to provide remote learning where parents elect to keep these students at home, except where this is based on medical advice. The guide to absence coding during this transition phase is available on the School Policy and Advisory Guide Attendance page. Thank you to those parents who have already contacted me.

School map


Legend
1 Grade 00W
2 Grade 12M
3 Grade 01K
4 Grade 12J
5 Grade 34T
6 Grade 34D
7 Grade 45Y
8 Grade 56J
9 Grade 56P
Entrance Points
EXIT Exit Points
COVID 19 Drop Off/Pick Up Zone. Only students and staff past this point
Junior Play area
Senior Play area
Outdoor Classroom
Chook House
Compost Bins
Kitchen Garden
Senior Footy Oval
Senior Playground
Drop Off Zone All Grades Students & Staff only past this point
Pavilion
C
SP
Shed
Basketball court
Netball court
Junior Building
Junior Footy Oval
Admin/ Middle School
Senior Building
Bike Shed & Bins
Staff Car Park
Junior Playground
Drop Off Zone Grade P-2 Students & Staff only past this point
Bus Shelter
Drop Off Zone Grade 3-6 Students & Staff only past this point

Important things to remember

Please give your child a water bottle which can be filled up at the drinking taps. Children will not be able to drink from the drinking taps.

All shared equipment has been minimised. If children share resources, these will be sanitised after use. If your child brings a toy/ equipment to school it will probably be handled by other children so you may want to sanitise the item when it comes home.

Hygiene

Foster Primary School has already started enhanced cleaning practices and these will continue into the term. The playground will be disinfected in the morning before children go out to play. Children will wash their hands before going out to play and will wash their hands when they come in. Chairs/ tables and high touch surfaces are being cleaned at recess/ lunch time. Toilets, kitchen areas and high touch surfaces are being cleaned whilst the children are back in class.

Hand sanitiser and surface sprays are available in every classroom for frequent use.

If your child is late to school we ask that they go straight to their classroom and their teacher will upload their attendance onto Compass.

Recess/ Lunch

Playtime – students will be playing in separate areas to minimise mixing, with Juniors playing in one half of the school and Senior students playing in another.

Children will wash their hands before eating. We continue to ask for NO sharing of food.

Managing a suspected or confirmed case of coronavirus (COVID-19)

- DET has procedures in place with the Department of Health and Human Services to manage suspected or confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) in schools.
- If a school has a confirmed case of coronavirus (COVID-19), the Department will work with the school to undertake a deep clean and the school will be made operational as soon as possible.

Contacts

- **DET COVID-19 hotline:** DETs dedicated coronavirus (COVID-19) phone advice line during business hours on 1800 338 663 can address or appropriately refer calls on all matters.

In all instances, please **do not send your child to school if they are at all unwell.**

If your child is sent to the office because they are unwell, parents/ carers will be contacted immediately and asked to collect their child/children. The admin staff will sign the child/ children out for you to minimise your wait time.

All of the above measures are being taken in line with departmental requirements to keep your children, parents/ carers and our staff safe. It will feel very strange for a while as we adapt. Again, we appreciate your feedback as we tweak our practice in order to continually improve the learning experiences for our students.

Thank you so very much for your support and efforts in helping us transition to remote learning and thank you in advance for your support in transitioning back to onsite learning.

Please see our website for a host of links to various support networks.

COVID-19 Updates

Parent Information

Helping Students with the transition back to school