



# Lynwood Park Public School

*Great Expectations - Great Attitudes - Great Achievements - Great School*

87 Turner Street Blacktown NSW 2148 T 9622 2659 F 9831 6727 E [lynwoodpk-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:lynwoodpk-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) [www.lynwoodpk-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.lynwoodpk-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

## **Important Information Regarding the Latest Procedures to Help Limit the Spread of COVID-19**

16<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Over the weekend there were many reports and media releases from the Department of Health, the Department of Education and the government generally regarding measures to be taken to help “flatten the curve” of the transmission of the coronavirus in the wider community.

There is understandably concern in both schools and their communities about whether schools should remain open. At this point in time all expert advice is to keep schools open with the decision about when and if to close schools to be made based on the best health advice. I have attached the advice the Department of Education received from the Chief Health Officer (CHO) in NSW for your information.

In line with the CHO's advice, we have implemented several measures here at Lynwood Park to limit the potential spread of the virus.

### **Promotion of Personal Hygiene Measures:**

- \* All children K-6 have been taught the correct way to wash their hands, how to cough and sneeze into their elbow, how to dispose of tissues, and how important it is to try not to touch their faces.
- \* All children will wash their hands under teacher supervision when they enter the classroom in the morning, after they return to the classroom when visiting the bathroom, before eating at all breaks and after entering the classroom after play. Soap supplies in the bathrooms will be checked daily.
- \* There will be no communal use of equipment such as technology – library and computer rooms will be closed until further notice.

### **Reducing Mass Gatherings:**

- \* All whole school and stage group assemblies have been postponed until further notice. Children will still receive their awards – handed out in class.
- \* All excursions including sporting events have been either cancelled or postponed. We will keep you up to date with these.
- \* All whole school celebrations and activities have been cancelled – Easter Hat Parade, ANZAC Ceremony. It is likely that other whole school activities in term two will also be cancelled or postponed eg Parent–Teacher interviews.

### **Physical Distancing and Reducing the Mix of Students:**

- \* Lining up routines have been changed – children will line up at the bottom of the stairs leading to their classroom in the morning and at the end of all breaks.
- \* K-2 and 3-6 students will be separated at lunch time as they are at recess. As much outdoor play as possible will be implemented.



# Lynwood Park Public School

*Great Expectations - Great Attitudes - Great Achievements - Great School*

87 Turner Street Blacktown NSW 2148 T 9622 2659 F 9831 6727 E [lynwoodpk-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:lynwoodpk-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) [www.lynwoodpk-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.lynwoodpk-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

\* All extra-curricular activities run by the school will cease until further notice – dance, recorder, choir, PSSA training etc. For activities run by outside agencies – Camp Australia, School Bands Australia and Cool Kids Music – these agencies will be in contact with you separately.

## **Sick Children and Staff:**

\* All staff have been asked to not attend work if they are unwell and to take sick leave until they are better.

\* Parents are asked to NOT send sick children to school – regardless of whether they believe their child potentially has COVID-19 or not. Children who present at school who are obviously not well will be sent to sick bay where the office staff will look after them and call their parents to come and collect them.

## **Other Important Information:**

\* In the case of excursions and activities where parents have already paid for their child eg. Debating Camp, monies paid will be held by the school to be used as follows:

- If the event is postponed, the money paid will count towards the event when it finally takes place
- If the event is cancelled, the money paid will count towards other events and activities later in the term/year until the amount owed to the parent is expired

\* Most of our communication with our parents and community will be via the school app. This is how we can contact and communicate immediately with our parents should information need to be relayed as a matter of urgency. If you haven't already done so, please download the app.

### **App Instructions:**

1. Go to the App Store and download "School Stream" to your phone
2. Open the app and start typing "Lynwood Park" into the search bar to load the school's profile
3. Make sure you agree to Push Notifications when prompted

If you have any difficulties, please let the office know so we can help.

\* All suspected and confirmed cases of COVID-19 must be reported immediately to the school. We will let the Incident Report and Support Hotline know and work with you to determine the next steps. Any students returning to Australia from overseas are required to self-isolate for a period of 14 days from arrival in Australia as per Australian government direction.

The staff would like to thank you for your co-operation at this difficult time. If we all work together from a starting point of up to date and accurate information, and remain calm, we will get through this challenging time.

Regards

Leigh Bade - Principal