



BARNSELY PUBLIC SCHOOL

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COVID CLOSURE PROTOCOLS

Parents/caregivers have been doing a great job keeping their child/children at home if they are unwell, as well as notifying the office if their child/children are unwell. I thank all parents and caregivers for their continued cooperation in doing the right thing at this time.

Barnsley Public School has developed plans and procedures, in consultation with the NSW Department of Education, adhering to NSW Health guidelines which will guide us in the event the school becomes aware of a staff or student member testing positive to COVID-19. Our plan of action is ready to implement.

The school will be closed during school hours if we become aware of a positive case, the school will notify parents/caregivers via Skoolbag/Facebook or phone to collect their child/ren from school as soon as possible. If parents are unavailable, we are able to send your child/ren home with the emergency contact person that parents have nominated.

The following guidelines will be actioned:

- Barnsley Public School will be acting under the direction of NSW Health.
- All students will remain at school until they are picked up.
- The children will not be permitted to use the normal afternoon bus runs. Parents/carers will need to make alternative arrangements for the collection of their children.
- As a parent/carer arrives at the allocated pickup point, the children's names will be called, the parent /carer will wait, maintaining social distancing protocols, for their children at the following exit gate:
Gate 1 (main gate) Year 3-6 students
Gate 2 K-2 students and families
- Sign out: Staff at the exits will have an alphabetical list of students in the school with the names of parent/emergency contacts who collect the child/ren and record both the person picking up as well as the time they are collected.
- Camp Australia will not be available and children will need to be collected.
- Students who walk/ride independently will also need to be collected. They will not be permitted to make their own way home unaccompanied.
- Camp Australia will be closed while the school is closed.
- If your child cannot be collected by you, then it must be a person who is on our emergency contact list and/or by email sent on the day of the school closure to: barnsley-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
- The collection of students from more than one family, for transportation in one vehicle will not be permitted.
- Parents/carers will be contacted formally if their child has been in close contact with someone who has tested positive.

Should we become aware of a positive case outside school hours, we will notify parents/carers via Skoolbag, Facebook and the school website.

The school will remain closed until advised by NSW Health that it is safe to re-open.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support as we respond to this change of the COVID-19 pandemic.

J. Langford
 Jenni Langford
 Principal