

Coronavirus Response

TORRENS VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL UPDATE 14



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A NOTE TO PRIMARY PARENTS - RETURN TO PARENTS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We would like to express our thanks and appreciation to you all for your understanding and cooperation as we have journeyed together through this COVID-19 situation and particularly as it has meant we have been unable to have parents on the school grounds.

The children have coped very well with the change, and while initially there were a few little ones, (and mums) who found it difficult to say goodbye at the gate, I am pleased to say that the vast majority of the children are now able to walk themselves to the classroom, unpack their bag and be settled for learning, all by themselves. We are so proud of how well they have done.

We know many of you have missed being able to come into the school - and we have missed you too. As restrictions are being eased, from 29 June (Week 10) we will once again be able to welcome you onto the school grounds. Initially we ask that you say goodbye to your children outside of the classroom to help teachers manage the social distancing rules, particularly of adults, inside the rooms. If you are staying around to chat with friends, please move away from the classrooms so you are not distracting the learning in the room. Thank you for your understanding.

As restrictions ease further during Term 3..... you will be able to come inside the classrooms too. We will be implementing a few changes that we know will benefit the learning of all children.

For children in Reception and Year 1, if you wish to bring your child into the classroom to help them settle in, we ask that you assist them to get ready for the day, helping them to begin their morning routine and then say goodbye so that the teacher is able to start the learning for the day promptly. If you are running late, please say goodbye to your child outside of the classroom to minimise the disruption for the other children.

From Year 2 upwards, we would expect that on most days, parents would not be coming into the classroom, though occasionally you may need to catch up quickly with the teacher or your child may wish to show you something special. Once again, if you are running late, please say goodbye outside of the classroom so that the lesson is not disrupted.

For some families, the change back to parents coming onto school grounds may unsettle the children and the separation may become difficult again. In this case we encourage you to say goodbye quickly and leave decisively. If you need help, please let one of us know so we can support you.

For other families, the new routine of dropping their children off at the gate may be working very well and you may wish to continue with it. If this is the case, we invite you to continue to say goodbye at the school gate.

Our partnership with you as parents is important to us, and we are excited to be able to have you back on site, helping in classrooms or being involved in school activities. It has been a very different Term 2, but God has been gracious, and the children have continued to flourish. We look forward with anticipation to the year ahead.

Yours in Christ's service,



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