



# ARNCLIFFE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Dear families,

As we prepare for the start of Term 3, we have included information below about how this will operate at Arncliffe Public School. We have tried to include all key information about the return to Term 3.

## **New 'Levels' of Operation:**

The Department of Education has developed a 4 Level system with different restrictions in place at each level.

- Level 1: Students learning at school, with all activities occurring in a COVID-safe way
- Level 2: Students learning at school, with non-essential visitors restricted from school sites, and certain activities modified to be COVID-safe; masks recommended indoors for all staff and all students in Year 7 and above (noting exemptions apply)
- Level 3: Students learning at school, with non-essential visitors restricted from school sites, reduced mingling between students and year cohorts and restrictions on activities; masks mandatory for all staff and all students in Year 7 and above (noting exemptions apply)
- Level 4: Students learning from home, but schools open for students and their families who need it. For those on school sites, masks mandatory for all staff and all students in Year 7 and above (noting exemptions apply).

Arncliffe PS is returning to Term 3 at 'Level 4'. Learning from Home, our schools will remain open for the students and families **who need it, although parents are encouraged to keep their children at home**. There will only be minimal staff supervision and we will provide one unit of work for students, whether they are learning from home or in the classroom.

Any student with any symptoms, or who is feeling unwell, should not attend school and should take a COVID test immediately.

Further information about how to access student work online and / or how to collect student work packs will be sent as a separate message through the app on Monday once the school Executive and teachers have had a chance to attend an online meeting to finalise all aspects of our plan.

If your child needs to attend school, they will be working on the same work as will be provided for those learning from home. Our school will have minimal staff on site. Please understand that if your child is at school, they will not necessarily have their own class teacher, or be in their regular classroom.

### **How will learning occur:**

Digital unit of work:

- Students both on and off site will be completing the online units which will be accessible from Tuesday 13 July. These will be posted in the students Google Classroom for students in Stage 2 and 3 and via the See-Saw app for students in K-2. Details about the See-Saw app will be emailed to parents.
- Learning packs for students unable to access online materials can be sourced as printed copies and will be available for collection at Arncliffe from Tuesday 13 July.
- Learning packs will be available from the main entrance at Avenal St. Please send one family member wearing a mask to pick up your child's unit of work if needed. The packs will be available between 9.00 – 11:00 am on Tuesday 13 July.

### **Drop Off and Pick Up Arrangements**

We anticipate that the majority of our students will be learning from home in line with the Department of Education request. However, if your child does need to attend school, the arrangements for 'drop off' and 'pick up' are outlined below. These arrangements will also remain in place when all students initially return to school.

#### **Drop Off:**

Students can be dropped off at the Avenal gate (main entrance to the school) from 8:45 am. There will be a staff member at gate as parents will need to leave students to enter the school.

#### **Pick Up:**

Please do not enter the school grounds. Your child will come out to you when they can see you. We ask parents waiting to collect their child to observe social distancing and encourage the wearing of a mask. Teachers will remain with children until they are collected to ensure their safety. If you are unable to locate your child, please walk around the outside of the school to the main gate. A staff member will be there to help you.

#### **Level 3 Pick Up:**

When the school enters "Level 3" we will organise a staggered exit from the school in family groups. Further information around this will be published once we enter Level 3.

#### **Parents entering the school grounds:**

Any parent coming on to school grounds **for an essential reason must wear a mask and sign into the NSW Health QR Code**. Can you please ensure that this information is communicated to any grandparents, adult family members, family friends or older siblings (not at our school) who usually drop off or collect your child from school. It puts our staff in an uncomfortable situation when they are following Department of Education Guidelines and need to ask people to leave the school grounds.

**School Activities During the current level of restrictions:**

All non-essential learning activities have been postponed. This includes:

- Excursions
- Stage 3 camp
- Dance 2Bfit
- Young Engineers
- Band
- Chess
- Keyboard
- PSSA
- Inline Skating
- Assemblies
- Special Religious Education (Scripture) and Ethics,
- Parent volunteers and activities such as band, choir, dance etc. We will provide advice about specific events or activities as required.
- Gala days

**Canteen:**

While the school is operating at 'Level 4' there will be NO CANTEEN operating. We will update you again when our canteen is operating.

**Updates:**

At this stage, we have only been informed that we will be operating at 'Level 4' for Week 1 of Term 3. This morning, schools were informed that we would receive information about any changes during next week. As always, we will keep our community updated and informed with any changes.

**Questions:**

As you may be aware, the Department of Education was the victim of a cyber attack this week and we have been unable to access any school information online. We are hopeful that this will be fixed before we return next week.

If you have any questions, please email the school: [arncliffe-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:arncliffe-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) and we will respond as soon as we are able to do so. However, if the matter is urgent, please call the school on 95675060 once we return next week.

Our school staff and families demonstrated during the time of restrictions in 2020 how resilient, supportive and community minded we are. As we head into Term 3 with changes and restrictions, we encourage you to focus on the wellbeing of both yourself and your children. Although we will be sending home information about the 'Learning from Home' units, we encourage you to do what you can do, reach out for help if needed and maintain a positive focus. We look forward to working with you in the coming weeks to ensure our school community thrives, even in these challenging times.

Kind regards,  
Pamela Ladd  
Principal