



PEREGIAN SPRINGS STATE SCHOOL

Frequently Asked Questions No. 2

Q What social distancing/hygiene measures will you be implementing at school?

A Social distancing measures will be the same as before the school holidays – up to 24 children can be seated far enough away from each other in a double classroom. The number of play areas we use will depend on the number of students at school – no more than 250 or so in one play area. However, as we're sure everyone understands social distancing for 100% of the time in primary school is virtually impossible for staff and students.

Q My child will be attending school some days and learning at home on others. How do I notify the school what days my child will be attending school and what days I will be in the position to support my child to learn at home?

A There will be a daily attendance survey for children working at home. How to do this will be included in your child's teachers' email on Monday 20 April. If this is not responded to then we assume the child will be at school. Other absences can be notified to us in the usual way.

Q Will children be allowed to play outside or will the children be only allowed indoors?

A Children will play outdoors as they did before the holidays. Many teachers also optimise their outdoor spaces for learning too.

Q Will you be doing thermo temperature checks of each student as they enter the gates to school?

A No. We're not allowed to take children's temperatures and we don't have the equipment for this.

Q Will music and band practice continue with Ms Deady and Ms Anderson?

A Yes. Both teachers have developed practice routines for those learning at home. Group practice will only continue if social distancing can be achieved between students.

Q On the first day of school for those whom are going to school, are there any special requirements/procedures when we turn up?

A As before the holidays, children will need to go to the Central Covered Area with their bags on arrival so we can see how many classes we need to form in each year level.

Q How many other kids will be at school? Will they follow the normal school routine? And will there be a teacher teaching them or will they be just 'supervised'?

A At this stage we don't know how many children will be at school. We are waiting for information from another 400 in order to make this estimation. Students who attend school during this period will receive support to participate in the same learning program that is being delivered to students who are learning at home. Supervision and support will be provided by teachers and teacher aides.

Q If our kids don't have access to an up to date working device, will they be disadvantaged?

A If the device is internet enabled and can download the activities, children will be able to fully participate. Many activities will be completed offline using pencils and paper. Children will not be expected to be on their device to learn all the time.

Q I saw that the teachers can provide printed copies, but will this be the same?

A The activities children are being provided with will be the same. There will be other materials online to supplement and support children (and parents). You may be able to watch these on your phone.

Q How will my child be helped if s/he falls behind during the pandemic?

A Parents are not required to deliver lessons—teachers and school staff continue to be responsible for the curriculum during this time. Principals, teachers and support staff will be working on-site at schools to deliver learning for students. They can be contacted for support as they normally would.

Q What if my child has to attend school?

A On-site supervision, with access to the school's home-based learning materials, will be available for students. Students who attend school during this period will receive support to participate in the same learning program that is being delivered to students who are learning at home by their classroom teachers.

Q How will my child receive learning materials?

A We will communicate directly with students and their parents/carers about how and when they will receive learning materials and teacher feedback on Monday 20 April. This will include advice about what is expected of students to complete the learning tasks. The department's learning@home site is available to assist parents and carers with additional activities they can do with their child at home.

Q What will happen with assessment?

A Assessment and reporting for Term 2 and Semester 1 will be adjusted by teachers to reflect the nature of learning over this time. Further advice will be provided early in Term 2.

Communication with the school and your child's teacher if learning at home

Please remember your child's teacher will be teaching children at school as well as online and will not be able to be at everyone's 'beck and call'. Teachers will schedule times for each of their learning, teaching and communication episodes and will communicate with you about this.

Emailing your child's teacher

As with normal school procedure, if you email your child's teacher (or the office) you will receive a response within 48 hours (Monday to Friday). Teachers will not be responding to communication on the weekends.

If your child emails their teacher, they will receive a response within 24 hours (Monday to Friday). Teachers will not be responding to communication on the weekends.

Alternatively, for a faster response parents and children can use the 'Request for Teacher Help' on the Student Springers Learning Hub – look on the left-hand side bar and scroll down to below the classes and specialist areas. Between 8.45am and 3.00pm

Please read both FAQ sheets before Sending your questions to admin@peregianspringsss.eq.edu.au They most likely will not be responded to individually but used to create information sheets such as this one.