

**URGENT Update 13/7/2021**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Updated advice from NSW Health and the Department of Education on the increasing concerns of the COVID-19 virus spread in Fairfield area has led to the following changes, effective immediately.

Parents will NOT be able to come to school to collect paper copies of student work. We will send them in the post them to families. If you informed your child’s teacher that you required a paper copy, please ensure the school has your updated address.

As such, DO NOT attend school to pick up any paper copies today. As the paper copies will arrive later in the week, we understand your child will not be able to complete all of the work. Our priority is to ensure everyone’s safety.

Teachers are in the process of planning learning from home work for the coming weeks. I will communicate updates for Week 2 onwards as soon as I have information from the Department of Education.

The information below will be communicated to all schools today in the Fairfield, Bankstown-Canterbury and Liverpool areas from the Department of Education Deputy Secretary.

The NSW Department of Education continues to be in discussions with NSW Health regarding the current spread of the COVID- 19 Virus. NSW Health is currently very concerned about the growing number of COVID -19 cases, particularly in South West Sydney.

Schools in South Western Sydney will be learning from home in Week 1 of Term 3. **Because of the increased number of cases in this area, we ask that you keep your children at home unless it is absolutely essential for them to attend school.**

Students must not attend school if they have any symptoms of COVID-19 at all, and must immediately get tested and isolate. There are many testing clinics in your local area which can be found [here](https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/health-and-wellbeing/clinics).

Symptoms of COVID-19 include:

* fever (37.5 degrees Celsius or higher)
* cough
* sore throat
* shortness of breath (difficulty breathing)
* runny nose
* loss of taste
* loss of smell.

We thank you for your cooperation during this challenging time for our school and wider community. We will continue to be in regular contact to provide information and updates.

Thank you for your commitment to following the government rules to keep our students, staff and the broader community safe.

Kind Regards

Jodi Harris

Relieving Principal