



Three actions you can take to help manage the spread of cold, flu and COVID-19



1. **Wash your hands** regularly and thoroughly.
2. **Sneeze into your elbow** or a tissue, disposing of the tissue straight away and then washing your hands.
3. **Stay home if you are unwell** and in schools, send home staff or students who show signs of being unwell through the day.

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Dear parents/ guardians,

Firstly, I must thank and congratulate the school community on their ability to quickly adapt to home learning. The partnership between school and home is now more important than ever, so we can ensure continuity of learning for our students. Teachers are impressed with the work, videos and comments students are uploading. Teachers created resource packs for all students to support their learning at home. If you have not picked your child/ren's resources yet, you can do so on Monday 2 to 3pm, or please call the office to arrange a time to come in.

I am immensely proud of Smithfield PS staff. They have worked extremely hard this week to connect with students working from home, create learning plans and resources and support families to start home learning. In some cases, they have made the impossible possible. The collaboration and kindness demonstrated among staff is commendable.

Although the current situation is not ideal, staff are determined to sustain quality learning opportunities for students. If you have any questions regarding the work provided, please contact your child's teacher via Seesaw or call the school and the teacher will return your call. Teachers will respond to all students and parents between 9-3pm, however, they may not be able answer straight away.

Starting this week, the school will operate on skeleton staff. Most teachers will work from home to support social distancing. Teachers at home are still on duty and will continue to be available to students as described above.

We will continue to keep you up to date with organisational changes via the School App. I thank you once again for your support, partnership and persistence in these difficult times.

School Safety

Unfortunately, some youths broke into the school over the weekend. Although they did minimal damage, they made a mess of various parts of the school. It is disappointing that people would treat our school with such disrespect. Thank you to our neighbours who called the police and assisted them in stopping these youths. We greatly appreciate your proactive actions and care for our school. I ask all neighbours to please keep an eye out for our school outside of school hours and call police if you see any suspicious behaviour.

Please take care of your family and follow social distancing advice. The sooner the nation gets the virus outbreak under control, the sooner we can get back to school as we know it. Please stay safe.

Regards

Jodi Harris
Relieving Principal

