

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Week beginning Monday 19 July, 2021. Learning from home Level 4.**

The staff at Oatley have worked very hard to get our students online. We are grateful for the morning online check ins from students/parents which allows us to register student attendance. We want to ensure your child's wellbeing is our priority.

We are also grateful for parents keeping their child/ren at home during this difficult COVID lockdown time and for parents completing the essential workers online form allowing the school to know numbers of students attending each day so staff can be rostered on to support. We are also restricted in our school environment to also limit numbers of staff on site. Deep cleaning is continually occurring on the school site and teachers rostered teachers wear masks and sign in using QR code. The office has made staggered appointments for parents requesting items from school to alleviate groups of people in one area. Essential students are entering and leaving the school site quickly to also alleviate groups of people being together at one time.

If a student is unwell at school parents will be notified and student will be required to go home. The child can only return when medical certificate obtained or reference to negative COVID test is provided to the school. Some students do have the normal flu like symptoms so are advised to stay at home.

The Learning From Home plans will now be denser with more teaching information for your child/ren especially in the younger grades as we continue into this Level 4 COVID period. I know teachers have and are working very hard at home not only planning and developing these lessons, but being online to support as well as provide feedback and mark the priority lesson.

Oatley PS staff meet every morning online to check in together and to start our day whether remotely or onsite which also helps our communication as a team. As Principal I am also having DET check ins and updates daily with my peers and directors.

**Updated information will continue through website and school stream posts especially alerts and newsletter for whole school communication. Presently all scheduled events for the first month of this term have been postponed. Class teachers will continue to communicate via Class Dojo and google classroom. Many teachers are also ringing parents to check in if LFH work is not being completed or we have not heard from you or your child over a few days.**

**Opportunity Class Placement Test update**

As a result of the most recent advice from NSW Health regarding the duration of COVID-19 restrictions, the Opportunity Class Placement Test has been delayed.

Parents have been advised of the delay. New testing arrangements for students will be announced as soon as possible.

Regards

Debbie Hunter

Principal