



HAPPY VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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COVID-19 update 20th July 2021

Dear HVPS Community,

As many of you would now be aware, South Australia is dealing with a rapidly emerging COVID-19 situation. It is once again a timely reminder for us all to remain vigilant and do our part to maintain the low numbers of infections that South Australia has sustained for extended periods.

To support the **SA Government Level 4 restrictions** (<https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/response>) and the Department for Education guidance for the ongoing management of this situation Happy Valley Primary School remains committed to:

- **Social Distancing:** we ask that parents and caregivers adhere to Social Distancing guidelines when dropping off or picking up children **outside** of classrooms.
- **Dropping off students at the gates is preferred where possible.** To support everyone's safety we ask that you **minimize** your time onsite. If you must accompany your child to their classroom please check in using the QR codes located around the school grounds. Leaving the school grounds **promptly after dropping off** and **before 3.30pm** is greatly appreciated.
- **School sport (including after school practice)** will be cancelled until further notice. Interschool sport competitions will be postponed for week 1.
- **Communication / Teacher contact:** we ask that parents make a time if they require face to face discussion with their teacher by contacting them through Seesaw, Class Dojo or email, or make alternative arrangements such as phone or video conference.

Potential school closure

In the event of a confirmed case of COVID-19 our school will be temporarily closed. We will then follow protocols in line with SA Health and the Department for Education. Please note that this could occur during the school day. If a closure of this nature were to eventuate there is an expectation that students are collected by their nominated guardians to ensure we maintain accurate tracing records. For the safety of everyone, students riding or walking home on their own will not be permitted. We are regularly updating our procedures to facilitate this process and directions will be communicated on the day via School Stream, Facebook and the Blog.

We encourage the community to be aware of the latest contact tracing information:

<https://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/public+content/sa+health+internet/conditions/infectious+diseases/covid-19/testing+and+tracing/contact+tracing/contact+tracing>

A reminder:

All children, families and staff are reminded to:

- stay at home if unwell
- wash their hands regularly
- cover a cough or sneeze with a tissue or elbow

People who have any of the symptoms below, even if mild, should get tested for COVID-19 as soon as symptoms appear:

- fever or chills
- cough
- sore throat



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- runny nose
- shortness of breath
- loss of taste or smell
- diarrhoea and vomiting.

Visit [SA Health's website](#) for details of testing centres and clinics.

We appreciate your understanding and support as we navigate the new restrictions. An ongoing community approach in regards to this is essential. Please continue to keep yourselves safe. Take care.

Kind regards,

Paul and Anthea



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