



HAPPY VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

We hope you have had a Merry Christmas and a good start to 2022. As we are in unprecedented times, we are trying to give parents as much information as we can and appreciate your patience and understanding during this.

The Premier, the Hon Steven Marshall and the Chief Public Health Officer, Professor Nicola Spurrier, have announced a range of changes to the start of the 2022 school year in order to help minimise the peak of COVID-19 cases in South Australia and undue strain on the SA Health system.

Consequently, there will be a staged return to Happy Valley Primary School over the first two weeks of Term 1. In addition to the information which was sent out on Monday, here is some information specific to Happy Valley PS. In light of the information below, all adults must adhere to COVID-19 guidelines including wearing masks, sign in using the school's QR code and socially distance, at all times.

Survey

To assist with our planning and ensuring we have adequate supervision, a parent survey will be emailed to parents shortly asking for projected numbers for the first 2 weeks back at school. Please complete this survey as soon as possible.

The dates for the start of Term 1 are:

Monday 31 January	Preparation day
Tuesday 1 February	Preparation day
Wednesday 2 February	School is back face to face learning for reception and year 1 students only. Remote/online learning for all year 2 to 6 students
Monday 14 February	Planned return of face-to-face learning for reception – year 6

Preparation days (31 January and 1 February)

These days will be used by our staff to prepare for online/remote learning and the change to the start of term 1. If you are required to work and do not have appropriate supervision for your child, you can choose to send them to school to be supervised, however no learning program will be provided on these days. Pick up / drop off for all students will be via the school hall and students will be taken to an area for supervision.

Face-to-face learning for reception and year 1 students only:

Will be provided for reception and year 1 students only, starting Wednesday 2 January. Year 2 students in Lesia and Mr Carter's class, will have access to remote/online learning with the other year 2 students. If you choose to keep your child at home, or if they are required to isolate, an online/remote learning program will not be offered.

Online/Remote learning provided for:

Years 2 to 6 students will start online/remote learning at home on Wednesday 2 February.

If you are required to attend your workplace and do not have any other appropriate supervision for your children, they can come to school. We will provide supervision as they complete their remote/online learning program.

Pick up/drop off for all students will be via the school hall. Students will be taken to an area to complete their online learning program. Please note that your child may not be supervised by their classroom teacher.

Uniform Shop

Parents are encouraged to order all student uniforms online using the QKR app. Pick up for all online orders will be on Friday 28th January from 10.00am – 1.00pm only. Please wait outside of the Uniform Shop and a staff member will attend to you as soon as possible. Please remember to sign in using the school's QR code, wear a mask and socially distance.

Reception Parents

One parent only will be allowed to walk their child to their new classroom. A team of support staff will be available to help settle your child to allow all parents to vacate the school by 9:15am. At the end of the day Parents of Room 1 reception students, can pick up their child up from the area near the canteen. Parents of Room 4 reception students can pick up their child from the JP garden area.

Parents on school grounds

For the first 2 weeks of school, parents are unable to enter the school grounds unless they are picking up or dropping off a reception student or using OSHC.

OSHC

OSHC will run before and after school, beginning Monday 31st January. Please contact Sarah for further information.

Seesaw

All classes will use the Seesaw app to communicate with students and families. Please download the Seesaw for family's app, as this will be the schools preferred method of communication. Invitations for access to Seesaw will be emailed to families, prior to the start of school.

Minimising the spread of COVID-19

To ensure that our students and staff are as safe as possible at school, we will be implementing the following measures as advised by the Department for Education and SA Health:

- Please keep your child home if they are unwell, even mildly
- Masks are required for all adults (except if it's impeding our staff's ability to communicate while teaching)
- Masks are strongly recommended for children in years 3 to 6 when indoors
- Physical distancing where possible

We appreciate you might have some questions about these changes. We'll do our best to start planning a smooth start to the 2022 school year.

We look forward to seeing your child face-to-face or online to start the school year.

Kind regards

Paul and Jackie