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Dear Parents and Carers,

COVID-19 Response Plans and Procedures K - 6 'Schools to Implement Distancing Measures'

The NSW Department of Education is introducing proactive measures to limit the impact of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in our schools. Mark Scott, Secretary of the Department of Education, today announced that schools would adopt social distancing measures requiring them to cancel assemblies, excursions, travel, some events and conferences.

Alexandria Park Community School will implement a range of strategies to reduce transmission, including:

The promotion of personal hygiene measures (handwashing, reducing face contact, cough etiquette). An SLSO will be checking the toilets every hour to make sure there is hand soap and paper towels readily accessible. All students returning from the toilets during class times will wash their hands in their classrooms. Students will also wash their hands when returning from breaks. We have healthy hygiene etiquette posters in all Primary toilets and classrooms and we are using the DEC resources for each stage to explicitly teach lessons.

All school assemblies have been cancelled including meeting under the COLA as a K-6 school in the morning and on Friday afternoons for the remainder of the term. Allocated assemblies were: 2S, 5/6M and 1T. From today, students will be dropped off and picked up from the following locations:

Kindy – To be dropped off and picked up at classrooms

Years 1 & 2 – Line up and picked up under the COLA

Years 3 & 4 – Line up and picked on the Primary basketball court

Years 5 & 6 – Line up outside of classrooms and make way to designated area straight after school

After School Programs – Camp Australia (under COLA), Yoga (near ramp at COLA), Chess (under COLA)

Children will also meet in these areas after lunch and afternoon tea except for Kindy who will meet their teachers at the chess COLA. Teachers will be supporting the students to follow these new guidelines. At break times Kindy and Year 1 will be playing on the Park Road playground, the small equipment and grassed area. Years 2- 6 will be playing under the COLA, large equipment and two basketball courts.

Parent teacher interviews were scheduled for Week 10 however they will be postponed until next term. Information will follow as soon as this becomes available. If you have any concerns or questions in relation to your child's learning, please either email the classroom teacher or contact the office to make an appointment.

SRE/SEE lessons and the QuizWork opt in Easter Puppet Show have been cancelled until the end of term.

3 – 6 Sport including P.S.S.A, swimming, soccer and tennis have been cancelled. Teachers will implement a class based sport program for one hour on Friday mornings.

Harmony Day – Assembly has been cancelled and we are requesting parents/carers NOT send in food for the multicultural cake stalls. Teachers will run rotational activities in their classrooms and students are encouraged to wear cultural dress or orange clothes.

We remind all families to stay at home if you are unwell and schools will send home staff or students who show signs of being unwell through the day. More information can be found on our school website: <https://alexparkcs-c.schools.nsw.gov.au/>.

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