



Return to School, Term 4 2022

Week 3: Kindy and Year 1

Week 4: Year 2, Year 3/4M, Year 3/4W and Senior Learning Hub

When school returns the following procedures will be in place for the safety of our students, staff and families. At OLPS, we are committed to looking after the wellbeing, safety and education of our students.

The OLPS COVID Safe Plan must adhere to the Public Health Order Level 3 Restrictions

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| A STAGED RETURN | |
| <p>Students will be able to return if vaccination rates are over 70% in the community. Students return in cohort groups starting with Kindy and Year 1.</p> <p>Start and finish times will be staggered, with no mixing among student cohorts. This is to minimise opportunities for transmission and enhance contact tracing.</p> <p>Breaktime, playground and canteen access will be staggered by student cohort.</p> <p>Staff are mandated to be fully vaccinated with two doses of vaccine.</p> | <p>Week 3: Monday 18 October - Kindy and Year 1 Week 4: Monday 25 October - Year 2, Year 3/4M, Year 3/4W and Senior Learning Hub</p> <p>At OLPS, we will have two student cohorts: An Infants Cohort and a Primary Cohort. There will be no mixing of these cohorts at school. For school arrival, Kendall St and Grayling Rd gates will be open for students.</p> <p>Infants Before School: 8:25 - 8:50am Play in the bush and play equipment Morning tea: 11am - 11:30am Lunch: 1pm - 1:45pm Dismissal: Just before 3:05pm</p> <p>Primary Before School: 8:25am - 8:50am Play on the asphalt and All-Purpose Court Morning tea: 10:30am - 11am Lunch: 12:15 - 1pm Dismissal: 3:05pm</p> <p>All OLPS staff are fully vaccinated.</p> |
| PHYSICAL DISTANCING | |
| <p>Physical distancing of 1.5m should be maintained, for staff and adult and for children wherever possible.</p> <p>STAFF Staffrooms must be fully ventilated, with windows open wherever possible.</p> <p>Teachers and staff must not congregate or sit together in staffrooms.</p> | <p>Staff and children are encouraged to physically distance indoors and outdoors wherever possible.</p> <p>School Assembly will continue to take place online.</p> <p>STAFF At OLPS, the staffroom is now the hall so physical distancing and ventilation can be achieved with ease.</p> <p>All staff meetings take place virtually.</p> <p>All staff are to wear masks indoors and outdoors.</p> |

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| <p>Physical distancing rules and strict personal hygiene protocols must apply at all times. High-touch areas and other hard surfaces, door handles, lockers, light switches and handrails in staffrooms must be cleaned thoroughly throughout the day.</p> <p>Masks must be worn in staff rooms, temporary removal allowed in line with PHO (e.g. eating or drinking).</p> | <p>All staff are to sign in using Service NSW QR code. The staged return and the staggered recess and lunch times will reduce staff in staffroom.</p> |
| MASKS | |
| <p>Catholic Schools NSW: Masks recommended indoors and outdoors for primary students (unless exercising or eating).</p> <p>NSW Health state: Masks are strongly recommended indoors for primary students.</p> <p>All staff are to wear masks indoors and outdoors.</p> | <p>At OLPS, we have decided to strongly recommend the wearing of masks indoors. Students will not be required to wear them outdoors. If your child cannot wear a face mask because of a disability, physical or mental health illness or condition, evidence must be provided to the principal.</p> <p>Staff to wear masks indoors and outdoors. Masks may be removed when eating and drinking.</p> |
| HYGIENE | |
| <p>Students should maintain strict personal hygiene and physical distancing where possible.</p> | <p>At OLPS, students and staff to regularly handwash or disinfect hands; before entering class, before eating and when using the bathroom.</p> <p>Hygienist on site between 10:30-2:30pm to disinfect all high touch areas throughout the school including play equipment.</p> <p>Staff and students on site are reminded and encouraged to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cover coughs and sneezes with elbow or tissue • place tissues straight in the bin • avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth • do not share food and drink • do not drink from the bubblers • do not share personal equipment or stationery • initiate non-contact greetings |
| SOCIAL ISOLATION | |
| <p>NSW Health: Get tested if you have COVID-19 symptoms, even if mild. Symptoms include: fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose, loss of taste or smell. Other reported symptoms include: fatigue, acute blocked nose (congestion), muscle pain, joint pain, headache, diarrhoea, nausea/vomiting, loss of appetite, unexplained chest pain and conjunctivitis.</p> | <p>At OLPS, students and staff who are unwell are to stay home until they are well. If staff and students have COVID symptoms then they must go for a COVID test and report the results to the school.</p> <p>A register of staff and students who have been tested is kept in the front office.</p> <p>Students and staff who are unwell at school are to be sent home.</p> <p>When admin staff are dealing with sick children they must wear PPE and take the patient's temperature.</p> |

VENTILATION

Open or well-ventilated spaces reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 because infectious particles are more quickly diffused in the open air than in spaces with less ventilation. Outdoor settings may be used where practicable.

At OLPS, windows and doors will remain open throughout the day.

Regular inspection, maintenance and cleaning of air conditioners.

Avoid using only recirculated air in HVAC systems and increase the outside air intake.

The CO2 in the air will be monitored with a CO2 monitor and will be responded to appropriately. The hygienist will measure the air quality regularly throughout the day.

Teachers are encouraged to have regular lessons in outdoor spaces including the local parks.

PICK UP

Parents and carers must follow their school's advice regarding changes to student drop off and pick up. This includes staying in the car when dropping off and picking up children if it is safe to do so.

If parents are out of their car, they must practice physical distancing and wear a mask.

At OLPS, all siblings **MUST** be pick up from Grayling Road.

For those children who are the only students at OLPS they may be picked up from Kendall St.

Infants Cohort: 2:55pm

Primary Cohort: 3:05pm

VISITORS

Non-essential visitors are not permitted on school sites.

Parents should remain outside of school grounds and adhere to mask-wearing requirements.

At OLPS, if parents are required on-site they must stay in office area and follow the mask-wearing requirements and sign in using the service NSW QR code when entering the school.

UNIFORM

Uniform Stores can only operate if they:
– are online
– have pre-ordering arrangements in place, with one dedicated staff member attending outside of school hours to arrange distribution.

At OLPS, parents can order uniforms online through the School Website/Uniform page.

Uniform supplies will be filled and left at the school office for collection. Parents will be notified when the order is ready.

CANTEEN

Canteen can operate where appropriate hygiene measures are in place, as long as:
– they can ensure that they are accessed by one cohort at a time
– physical distancing is in place
– canteen staff follow normal COVID-safe protocols around vaccinations and testing

At OLPS, the Canteen will be open every Monday and Wednesday for morning tea and lunch. The canteen will be open from 25 October.

Infant cohort and Primary Cohort will access the canteen separately. Students will physically distance when lining up.

The Canteen Coordinator, Mrs Louise Johnston and one Canteen helper can work in the Canteen. All canteen helpers must be fully vaccinated.

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| SCHOOL-BASED ACTIVITIES | |
| <p>Sport may continue within existing personal development, health and physical education (PDHPE) classes, in accordance with physical distancing guidelines.</p> <p>Library activities are permitted in line with the Infection control requirement for libraries.</p> <p>Dance and/or drama are permitted in-line with COVID-Safe practices within classes in outdoor spaces.</p> | <p>At OLPS, Sports lessons by Mrs Sargent will take place on Thursdays.</p> <p>Library lessons will take place on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.</p> <p>Class teachers may teach dance and drama outside.</p> |
| ACTIVITIES NOT PERMITTED | |
| <p>Drama and Tennis lessons</p> <p>Singing, chanting, group repetition and choirs.</p> <p>Bands and ensembles</p> <p>Interschool activities</p> <p>Live Assemblies</p> <p>School performances and concerts</p> <p>Excursions</p> <p>Community events eg grandparents day, fetes etc</p> <p>Playgroups</p> <p>Live P&F meetings External providers</p> | <p>OLPS will not be running these activities until we are advised and restrictions change.</p> <p>Our assemblies will be done via Zoom.</p> <p>NB. Graduations and End of Year Celebrations – more information on this will be provided at during Term 4.</p> |
| KINDY ORIENTATION and TRANSITION | |
| <p>Level 2 and Level 3 restrictions allow some COVID-safe practices in line with the kindergarten orientation and transition guidelines. Under these settings students are allowed on site. Parents and carers are only permitted to drop off and pick up their child and must not remain on-site. Parents cannot stay on site any longer than 10 minutes.</p> | <p>At OLPS, our Kindy Transition will go ahead on the following dates:</p> <p>Tuesday 9 November 7:30pm - Parent Information Evening</p> <p>Tuesday 16 November - 2022 Kindy students on site</p> <p>Tuesday 23 November - 2022 Kindy students on site</p> |

What parents need to do to prepare:

Ensure when your child returns to school they bring:

- Their OLPS device and charger if they borrowed from the school
- Labelled headphones (if not at school)
- A mask labelled with their name
- A drink bottle (bubblers will be turned off)
- Class readers or borrowed library books
- Whiteboards
- Workbooks
- Any borrowed resources

Morning Arrival

Students can enter via the Kendall St or Grayling Rd gate.

When the children arrive at school, they place their bag on their bag hook and then go to their student cohort area to play:

Infants: play in the bush area and play equipment.

Primary: play on the asphalt and All-Purpose Court

Afternoon Dismissal

Remember that all siblings must exit via Grayling Road gate in the afternoon. All children who have no siblings at OLPS will exit via Kendall Street gate.

Infants: will be dismissed just before 3:05pm;

Primary: will be dismissed at 3:05pm