



WOODBURY AUTISM EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

COVID SAFE PLAN- TERM 1 2021

PARENT SUMMARY

Woodbury is committed to providing a safe and effective learning environment for its staff, students, and parents. This COVID safe plan has been put together utilising the most recent recommendations from the Association of Independent Schools New South Wales (AISNSW) which is derived directly from NSW health and Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC).

General:

- Schools continue to be safe and operations are in line with AHPPC and NSW health guidelines.
- All students should be learning on campus unless they are unwell or have a medical certificate to support their absence.
 - Students considered high risk require a medical certificate if they are not returning to school.
 - Students whose parents or family members are considered high risk should attend school unless a medical practitioner advises otherwise.
- All activities at school are safe and appropriate.
- Principals need to make decisions based on the information provided with the safety of students and the school community as the highest priority.

Maintaining Student and staff health:

- Students and staff should not attend school if they are unwell, even the mildest of symptoms, and should self-isolate until the return of a negative COVID-19 test AND symptoms cease. As per the current NSW health guidelines symptoms which require isolation include:
 - Fever (37.5C)
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath
- The school withholds the right to send home students and staff who attend school with these symptoms until such time that a negative COVID test is returned.
 - It is reminded that current sickness policy requires parents to collect their child within one hour of being contacted by the school administration.
 - Students who attend school with any of the above symptoms will be isolated in the small playground and supervised by a staff member until parents come to collect.



- Students sent home should be marked as “sick” for attendance purposes.
 - Students absent for more than 3 days without a medical certificate are recorded as unauthorised.
- Widespread temperature screening is no longer required and is not recommended in schools.
- Staff and students are NOT required to wear masks while at school.
 - Staff are welcomed to wear masks if they chose to, disposable masks will be made available within the staff room for those who wish to use them.
- Staff are reminded to always practise good personal hygiene:
 - Wash hands regularly
 - Use hand sanitiser frequently.
 - Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
 - Cough or sneeze into your elbow.
- Students will be supported to practise good personal hygiene:
 - Support regular hand washing.
 - Use sanitiser frequently.
 - Encourage coughing or sneezing into elbow and wash hands after sneezing.
- Additional cleaning practises should be implemented specifically for high touch areas.
 - Tables, door handles, light switches and handrails should be wiped down daily.
 - Encourage students to wipe their own learning area after each session.
 - Regular cleaning will continue twice per week.
- All staff should follow current NSW health advise when travelling, meeting, and socialising outside of school premises.

Visitors and Entry to school:

- Non-Essential adults are not permitted on school grounds or at school events.
- It is advised that no external visitors enter the workplace and that where possible all meetings will be conducted via skype or zoom.
- Parents can enter school for the following reasons:
 - To purchase uniform
 - To attend a pre-arranged appointment (providing all other COVID safe requirements are met)



Day to day school activities:

- Communal water fountains and bubblers are deemed safe to be used however students should be encouraged to bring water bottles from home and refill when needed.
- Physical distancing of students in school is NOT required however staff should follow physical distancing requirements.
 - Changes to rostering, lunch breaks and whole school meetings have been made to accommodate these recommendations.

Special events:

- While scheduled meetings are allowed, we do not have the available space to safely accommodate large meetings.
 - Meetings between one parent and one staff member can go ahead provided they are pre-planned, and the meeting room is available.
 - IEP's will be conducted remotely with Woodbury staff and parents connecting via zoom.
- Community events such as morning teas and picnics can be arranged at the principal's discretion provided all other COVID safe requirements are maintained.
- Choirs, performing arts, singing and musical activities are considered high risk. Based on the requirements in place for safe delivery of these activities' music therapy will be postponed for term 1 and reassessed in term 2.
- While the guidelines do not prohibit activities such as Fruity Friday the requirement to not share cutlery, increased hygiene expectations and physical distancing of staff make these activities a challenge.
 - Small group cooking activities (maximum of 3 children and 2 staff) can proceed with additional attention to cleanliness and hygiene.
 - Fruity Friday will not run for term 1 and will be reassessed in term 2.