

BELLBRIDGE NEWS



Bellbridge Primary School

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IMPORTANT:

Monday, 25 May is a state wide PUPIL FREE DAY and ALL teachers will be at school preparing the school environment to return to on-site learning.

NO STUDENTS are to be at school – Parents may wish to contact OSHClub for student supervision.

CANTEEN IS CLOSED for the remainder of TERM 2

ALL students will need to bring SNACK AND LUNCH, as well as their own WATER BOTTLE for personal use.

ON-SITE SUPERVISION for STUDENTS in GRADES 3-6

Parents who are essential/required workers and need on-site supervision for their children in Grades 3 – 6 need to send an email to the Principal. A return email will include an enrolment form for parents to complete and return before 4:00pm each Thursday. An email will then be sent to parents to confirm the student's enrolment in on-site supervision

Email: clancy.debra.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

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IF YOU NEED TO CONTACT THE SCHOOL YOU CAN CALL:

0491 304 962 during office hours (8:00 – 4:00pm) until Friday, May 22nd
9749 6161 during office hours (8:00 – 4:00pm) from Monday, May 25th



All students in Grades 3 – 6 who can learn at home must learn from home.
This is a very clear directive from the Victorian Government based on the advice of the Chief Health Officer.

STAGED RETURN TO ON-SITE SCHOOLING

The government has announced that Victoria will begin a staged return to on-site schooling. The return to school will take place in two stages. This will give the Victorian Chief Health Officer and Government time to monitor and evaluate the effects of the staged return.

STAGE 1: Students in Prep – Grade 2, Year 11 and 12 and all students in specialist schools, will return to school on Tuesday 26 May 2020.

STAGE 2: Students in Grade 3 – Year 10 will continue to learn from home, until they return to school on Tuesday 9 June, subject to health advice.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR ENTERING and EXITING THE SCHOOL during STAGE 1

At Bellbridge, we will have three main gates for entry and exit for pedestrian use:

- **Gate #1** – Matlock Street
- **Gate #3** – Bellbridge Drive (near the Bus Stop)
- **Gate #4** – Bellbridge Drive (near the Uniform/Rewards Shop)

Our other gates provide entry to our Staff Car Parks:

- **Gate #2** – Matlock Street Staff Car Park (Staff Only, except for drop off for 3-6 on-site supervision)
- **Gate #5** – Bellbridge Drive Staff Car Park (out of bounds – Staff Only)

ENTRY to (8:10 – 8:30am) and EXIT from (2:30 – 2:40pm) SCHOOL

All parents are expected to remain outside the school gates and maintain appropriate physical distancing (if they choose to leave their cars) as per the markings placed on the footpath to indicate safe physical spacing.

The school gates will be opened for students to ENTER from 8:10am.

Staff will be supervising each entry/exit gate to promote a safe and orderly environment, and we request that everyone be patient and respectful as we work through this process.

We will be managing the EXIT of students using a staggered approach as follows:

- Prep classes will begin dismissing students from 2:30pm
- Grade 1 classes will begin dismissing students from 2:35pm
- Grade 2 classes and Grades 3 – 6 on-site groups will begin dismissing students from 2:40pm

Gate #1	Matlock St	Families with surnames that begin with A - F
Gate #3	Bellbridge Dr/Bus Stop	Families with surnames that begin with G - N
Gate #4	Bellbridge Dr/Uniform Shop	Families with surnames that begin with O - Z
Gate #2	Matlock St Staff Car Park	Families with students in Grades 3 – 6 enrolled for on-site supervision; drive through – drop off students - exit

NB - These arrangements will be reviewed with the possibility of amendments and adjustments being implemented if required for safety purposes.

PARENTS ON-SITE at SCHOOL

PARENTS MAY NOT ENTER THE SCHOOL GROUNDS unless it is deemed to be essential.

Staff will be supervising the entry and exit gates each morning and afternoon and can assist with questions and/or concerns.

If parents do need to be on site, they must minimise their time and practise physical distancing. They must also STOP at the front door of the school and wait for assistance from Office staff before entering the building.

Reasons to be on-site may include:

- Collecting hard copies of year level planners for Grade 3 – 6 students learning remotely at home
- Making payments, e.g. netbooks
- Collecting netbooks, laptops, exercise books
- Picking up a child for an appointment during the school day

ACTIVE TRAVEL and STUDENTS who WALK and/or RIDE to SCHOOL

It is parents' choice if they wish their child/ren to walk or ride to school without adult supervision as we return to on-site school during Stage 1.

We encourage parents and students to ensure that they abide by the 'Bikes, Scooters & Skateboards Agreement and Policy' (available on our web page) which expects students less than 10 years old be accompanied by an adult, unless otherwise agreed upon by the parent and communicated to the school.

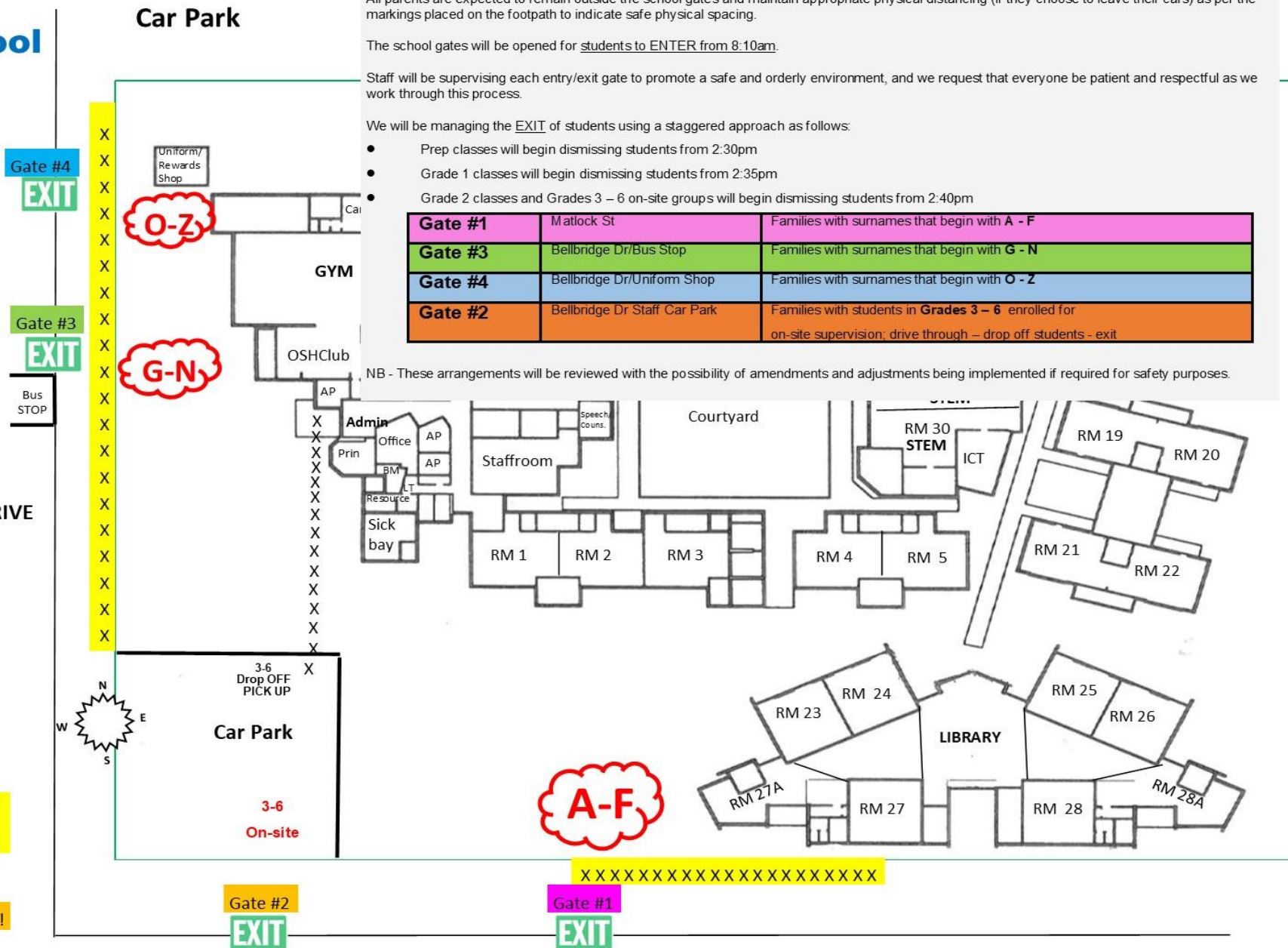
OTHER PROCEDURES during STAGE 1: Return to On-site Learning

- All classrooms with access to sinks will have hand soap and sanitiser available for student use
- All classrooms without access to sinks will have sanitiser available for student use
- All students must bring their own water bottle as drink taps will be out of use
- Playground equipment can be used, however, students will be expected to practise hand hygiene before and after use
- Playgrounds will receive enhanced cleaning each day as per DET guidelines
- The Canteen will not be open until further notice – it will be reviewed for Term 3
- There will be no whole school Assembly until further notice
- Teachers will minimise the use of shared equipment and materials used for teaching and learning and strict hand hygiene will be followed before and after use
- We will not have daily Buddy Reading between Prep and Grade 6 (and 5B) buddy grades
- P – 2 siblings of Grade 3 – 6 students enrolled in on-site supervision may be dropped off at the Matlock Street car park as per on-site arrangements
- There will be no external health providers on-site until further notice

We appreciate the support and understanding demonstrated by our school community during these challenging times.

Debbie Clancy

Bellbridge Primary School MAP



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PARENTS WAIT OUTSIDE
SCHOOL GROUNDS
(when P-2 students enter/exit
the school)
Maintain Social distances!