



ST JAMES  
THE APOSTLE  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Learning with strength and in gentleness*

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Dear parents and carers,

### **RE: Information for the return to onsite learning**

Welcome back to St James the Apostle School for Term 4. All the staff are very excited to see our learners return **on Monday! All learners will be expected to attend school onsite as normal from this date.**

Please be aware that if parents choose to keep their child/ren home after 12 October, we can no longer support their learning from home. This does not apply to children who need to be absent for health or medical reasons. For those families, please contact us so we can make an appropriate plan. This same approach is being taken by all Catholic and government schools in Victoria.

### **Drop-off and pick-up information**

Information regarding drop-off and pick up was sent via email on Friday 1 October. Further to this email we would like to reiterate that, whilst staff will be on duty during drop-off and pick-up times, a level of independence is now required of learners leaving vehicles at the Drop Off zone. Learners will need to undo their seatbelt, collect their school bag and exit the car without assistance (except for those children with special needs). **Parents/carers are not to leave the car** - these measures are to protect all in our community. We encourage families to walk their child/ren to the school gates, **or to park in Kingston Boulevard or Sycamore Street so their child/ren can walk from there.** Staff will be at each of the gates and on the crossings within the school so that students can walk safely to their learning spaces.

After school we encourage learners to walk to Kingston Boulevard or Sycamore Street to meet their parent or carer. This is to reduce traffic congestion within the school grounds. Please explain to your child/ren that if you are running late or they are unable to locate you, that they are to return back to school where they will join their peers at the Drop Off Zone. Again, staff will be present at each of the gates and on the crossings within the school so that students can walk safely to meet their parents or carers. If you are meeting your child/ren at the front gate **please ensure that you arrive at your nominated time as this is the time the learners will be dismissed.** The purpose of the staggered drop-off time is to reduce community contact. **Please ensure that you are not congregating at the front gates.**

## Uniform for Term 4

Summer uniform is to be worn in Term 4. Details are available on the school website. St James the Apostle school hats need to be worn outside on the school yard. Hats can be bought at the school office for \$12. Place the money in an envelope with your child's name and home group on the envelope. The hat will be delivered to your child's home group.

The uniform shop **will not** be operating onsite until further notice in line with the guidance from the Chief Health Officer. If you are in need of uniform items you are able to visit [academyuniforms.com.au](http://academyuniforms.com.au), select 'order on-line', and choose 'St James'. Use the password **Hoppers Crossing**. Uniforms can be delivered to a home address, collected from the Deer Park store if in your 5km area, or sent to the school office to be collected. Please allow 48 hours for processing.

## Gatherings

As was the case in Term 2, following the advice from the Chief Health Officer, there **will not** be any large gatherings on school grounds, this includes school assemblies. Virtual Assemblies will continue to be held every second Friday at 2:15pm and accessible via [our website](#).

## Temperature checks

Based on the advice of the Acting Deputy Chief Health Officer, given the current levels of community transmission in Victoria, mandatory temperature testing of all students on arrival to schools will not be required in Term 4. However, should community transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19) increase, temperature checking may be reintroduced for some schools.

## School devices

With all learners now back onsite, our remote learning platforms will revert back to being used to support the learning that is happening in person. Seesaw Home Learning Codes will not work from Monday. All tasks in Seesaw and Google Classroom will still be available for learners to access if needed to support their learning onsite. **All school devices and power adapters need to be returned to school by Friday 16 October.** Learners will need to take the device into their learning space, where it will be marked off and cleaned.

## Keeping up-to-date

Please keep checking our [Facebook page](#), [our website](#) and the fortnightly e-news for updated information.

Stay safe,

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