AVELEY NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Together We Suceed



PARENT COMMUNICATION GUIDELINES 2023

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TOGETHER WE SUCCEED

"School communities thrive on open communication wherein staff, students, and parents and care givers have opportunities to share good news, discuss issues and maintain an ongoing dialogue."

At Aveley North Primary School we value the partnership that exists between parents/guardians and staff. This partnership aims to foster academic progress, nurture student well-being and promote a positive school community. It is therefore in the interests of the whole school community that communication between parents/guardians, teachers and other staff members is open and respectful. These operational guidelines are designed to ensure the most effective and productive communication between teachers and parents/guardians.

1. HOURS OF COMMUNICATION

8 am – 4 pm Monday to Friday

- Teachers are available outside of classroom teaching time and recess/ lunch supervision time.
- Please allow up to two working days for a reply to any communication. Parents/guardians should be aware that sometimes a delay in reply may be experienced, due to staff absences or illness.

2. COMMUNICATION OPTIONS

Staff are available to openly communicate in a number of ways:

Face to face

 Scheduled during face to face hours of communication when the staff member is not teaching or supervising students (Via WebEx/ Teams if COVID restrictions are in place)

Phone

 Via the school phone number during hours of communication when the staff member is not teaching or supervising students. Teachers are unable to provide their personal phone numbers.

Email

 Via Department of Education email addresses during hours of communication when the staff member is not teaching or supervising students.

Connect

• Official information from the school and classroom information from teachers will be sent via Connect.

Facebook

• General notices from the school office will be posted on the school's Facebook page. The school does not reply to comments or messages through this app or provide formal communication.

Staff are unable to accept any friend requests on social media by parents/ guardians or students and will not respond to any attempted communication via social media.

3. CONTACTING MY CHILD'S TEACHER

BY EMAIL

1

• Send an email to the teachers department address.

2

• The teacher will respond to you within two working days.

BY PHONE

1

• Call the front office on 9297 7800.

2

• A message will be sent to the teacher.

3

• The classroom teacher will respond to you within two working days.

FACE TO FACE

1

• Call the front office on 9297 7800 or email the teacher to arrange a time.

2

• The teacher will respond and schedule a meeting.

3

• Your meeting will occur outside of teaching and supervision time.

Please be aware that teachers are unable to have discussions while supervising students at the beginning and end of the school day due to duty of care of the students and privacy guidelines.

4. COMMUNICATING A PROBLEM OR CONCERN

Communicating a problem or concern regarding your child's learning or social relationships

1

 Contact the classroom teacher using one of the listed communication option.

2

• If required, the classroom teacher will inform the principal or deputy principal.

Communicating an urgent matter, problem, concern or personal/ legal matters

1

 Call the front office on 9297 7800 or email the principal or a deputy principal via email.

2

You will be contacted by the principal or a deputy principal.

3

• The principal/ deputy principal will inform the classroom teacher of any necessary concerns and where appropriate, refer further communication to the classroom teacher.

5. RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

At Aveley North Primary School we understand that as a parent, your number one priority is to advocate for your child. Your feedback is encouraged as we work together to support your child. Intimidating, aggressive or threatening behaviour is not acceptable and will not be tolerated.

While on the school grounds, no parent/guardian should approach children of other families or their parents/guardians to address a school-related or non-school related issue. Please refer any school related issues to the office.

6. KEEPING OF RECORDS

All communication is recorded on the Department of Education Parent Contact system.