

## **Frequently asked questions concerning Covid-19 at Pulteney Grammar School ELC**

### **How will the ELC children's educational requirements be supported in Term 2 2020?**

The Pulteney Grammar School ELC has opened from the commencement of Term Two and will remain open unless instructed to close. Home learning will continue to be provided via Seesaw throughout the term, sharing a small variety of the activities implemented during each ELC day. With the vast majority of students now attending the ELC, these resources will not be as broad as prior to the close of Term One. A Pulteney@Home parent handbook outlines the online learning program for families.

### **Will Pulteney Grammar School allow me to enter the school grounds to collect my child?**

We encourage you to maintain physical distancing from other parents and teachers when attending school, including when dropping off and picking up children. We ask that you bring your child to their ELC classroom door to be greeted by a teacher or educator. Please do not enter the front office or classrooms. If you would like to pass on information pertaining to your child please email [dareska.brus@pulteney.sa.edu.au](mailto:dareska.brus@pulteney.sa.edu.au)

### **What occurs if Pulteney has a confirmed case of COVID-19?**

If a confirmed case of COVID-19 is identified, Pulteney Grammar School will follow SA Health advice. School closure will be for a minimum of 24 hours. You will be required to collect your child immediately. The Pulteney community will be contacted and advised by the Principal and via e-mail as all information regarding COVID-19 has been disseminated.

### **How do the ELC staff team maintain social distancing?**

Social distancing is a challenge within ELC environments. The AHPPC's latest advice is that physical distancing is not appropriate or practical in classrooms or corridors.

The ELC staff team follow AHPPC's advice and implement room density measures (such as in staff rooms) where possible, given the greater risk of transmission between adults.

We use the following measures to stop the spread of COVID-19:

- we communicate with families via the telephone, Seesaw or other technology
- hold adult meetings in large rooms or via technology such as Microsoft teams
- create classroom environments that are sparse to increase the amount space between children as they play
- ask families to drop off and pick up their children at the classroom door
- ask families to keep their children at home when sick

## **What health and hygiene practices are we following within the ELC?**

Pulteney implements existing infection control procedures that will be applied as needed. Classroom teachers also talk to the children about effective hygiene practices and COVID-19.

We remind children to:

- wash their hands frequently, for at least 20 seconds, with soap and water before and after eating and after going to the toilet, when touching animals, using play equipment, when coming inside from outdoor play, especially the sandpit.
- cover coughs and sneezes with their elbow or tissue
- place used tissues in a specific bin
- limit physical contact when greeting people
- limit physical contact in the playground

## **Will the Pulteney ELC cleaning procedures be increased?**

We have always implemented a thorough daily cleaning process; however, increased cleaning services within the Pulteney Grammar School ELC will occur during the COVID-19 epidemic.

These services include:

- cleaning cupboard doors and door handles
- extra wiping down of common high touch surfaces such as children's play, eating areas and bathrooms
- extra cleaning of play equipment with no public access to play equipment
- hand gel sanitisers are available in each ELC classroom, gloves and aprons for food preparation

## **How can I discuss COVID-19 with my child?**

Talking to your child about COVID-19 may support them to understand the current situation and importance of them caring for their health and cleanliness. Please ensure that you discuss COVID-19 in a manner that suits their age and development and listen carefully to their concerns or worries.

The new [Our Learning SA website](#) has resources for parents and carers.

Visit [SA Health resources for parents, carers and children about coronavirus](#) for further information.

## **How can families support the ELC community during this time?**

Families can support the Pulteney ELC staff team by:

- ensuring we have the correct contact details for your family via the Pulteney website, Parent Community Portal

- ensuring you have installed the ELC's Seesaw communication app on your device
- supporting your child to learn effective hygiene practices
- keeping your child at home if they are unwell

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