



GOWRIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Changes to the Preschool Arrival and Collection Routines

In a further attempt to facilitate the recommended social distancing suggestions in relation to the developing Novel Coronavirus (Covid-19), we would like to implement a new arrival and collection routine at Gowrie Preschool from Friday 20 March 2020.

We will be encouraging our family and community members to stagger their arrival times by changing our arrival routine. We are suggesting that families arrive at preschool anytime between 9am and 10am each day to avoid gathering in larger numbers at 9am. We will be adjusting our daily routine to accommodate this gradual arrival of children into the learning environment and this change will ensure that the play-based program and intentional teaching experiences can continue to support and extend the children's development with minimal interruption.

On arrival to preschool, the children will be invited into Playroom 2 to engage in the range of indoor learning experiences, and we will come together for our morning group time at 10am when all our students have arrived. We will then continue the rest of the daily routine unchanged at this stage, adjusting as required with the rapidly changing climate.

We will support the children through this change in routine by using the daily visual schedule to represent the changes to the day.

On collection in the afternoon, we will endeavor to send out the children to their parent/carer as they arrive to preschool, to avoid larger numbers of families waiting in a common area for their children at 3pm.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to approach the educators to discuss them further. We appreciate the support of our community as we work together to minimise the risks and protect each other during this difficult and worrying time.

Kind regards,

The Preschool Team