



Main Street Presbyterian Church Sunday School Guidance for Parents September 2021

We are delighted to begin Sunday School again, recommencing on Sunday the 26th of September at 10.00am. We really hope children will be able to come, we've missed them, and are planning safe, socially distanced activities! Here are some guidelines and information, to help keep everybody safe, which may change according to PCI and government protocols. We will keep you informed of this as necessary.

- Children must be of school age to attend Sunday School. If your child is P1, and attending for the first time, just let Esther know so we have seating and resources ready for your child.
- If a child or any member of their family displays any Covid symptoms (high temperature, new continuous cough, loss of taste or smell), or if returning from a country/area subject to quarantine, they should not attend and should follow gov. guidelines on self-isolation.
- Please download and fill in a copy of the Multi-Purpose parental consent form. You will find it on the Sunday School page on the Church website. It is really important we have up to date contact details for you. You can tick all the organisations your child normally attends in the hope that these may be able to run at some stage. Bring this with you on Sunday the 26th and leave it in the box provided in the vestibule outside the Main Hall.
- **DROP-OFF & COLLECTION:** Older children to come in by themselves (P4+), as they do at school. They can be dropped off in the upper car park and escorted to the external double doors to the Main Hall area. Younger children (P1-3) to be dropped off by **ONE** parent, with a **one way system in operation**. Please enter from the external double doors to the main church hall area. **Please keep a distance of 2 metres from other parents**, drop your younger child/children at the door of the Main Hall and continue round to leave by the side door. One **ONE** parent should pick up their child/children. **Please keep a distance of 2 metres from other parents**, pick up your child/children at the door of the Main Hall without entering the hall, and continue through the one way system to the sanctuary. Junior and Senior Bible class children can make their way round to the church building.
- **Drop off is between 9.50am and 10.00am, pick up is to be no later than 10.50 please.**
- Parents should wear masks inside the church buildings and in the church service itself. Children 12 and under do not have to wear masks.
- Parents and Children will sanitise their hands as they enter the buildings and children should sanitise again as they leave the hall.
- Children are asked to bring their own Bible but no other toys or resources.
- In the Sunday School Hall children will be seated at prearranged, socially distanced tables. Children will be seated at tables at 1m+ distance. Seating plans will be kept for track and trace purposes.
- Teachers will maintain a 2m distance from the children's tables, and wear visors or masks. The main leader each week will be at a 4m distance from the children, and at that distance will not need to wear a visor.
- The format will be 'bubbled' Sunday school classes: P1-3 & 4-6. Junior Bible Class will be for P7-Year 9, and Senior Bible Class will be Year 10 upwards.
- Any worksheets and resources (eg pencils) will be kept in individual, name-labelled plastic zip folders, which can be wiped down and stored in church from week to week. Children and Young People should bring their own Bibles.
- An offering plate will be placed outside the Main Hall door and we would encourage children to bring an offering each week to contribute to the work of Sunday School and our Mission partners.