

FOOD RISK MANAGEMENT at RIVERSIDE SCHOOLS during COVID-19



Schools make their decisions based on the available information (AHPPC Statement) and their assessment of risk. With regards food, AHPPC advice states:

“Everyone must practise good hygiene to protect against infection and prevent the spread of COVID-19” by “**not sharing food or drink**”.

At Riverside, we have decided to adopt the following practices:

- **P&C EVENTS:**
 - The P&C can operate activities like a cake stand provided the stand supervisor has completed a COVID-19 food handling certificate and can supervise the preparation of the cakes at school. All items will be individually wrapped before purchase.
 - The P&C can conduct a sausage sizzle under the supervision of a COVID-certified food handler.
- **COOKING IN CLASS (LESSONS):** Cooking classes can continue provided there is no sharing of food or shared plates.
- **CATERING OPTIONS:** catering is possible through the provision of commercially prepared individual food boxes or food packages. Pre-packaged foods shall be placed on a table or counter for the student/adult to collect, to avoid passing food hand to hand.

We have also decided the following practice should be deferred until limitations are further relaxed:

- **NO HOME-PREPARED FOOD FOR SHARING AT SCHOOL:** Food prepared at home cannot be shared. Amongst other things, this impacts birthday celebrations and any food brought into the school canteen or staffroom.

And we will observe the COVID-19 basics of:

- **PHYSICAL DISTANCING:** We will ensure ongoing physical distancing –
 - Gathering limits and venue capacity are determined by the 2 sqm rule.
 - 1.5 metre physical distancing of adult participants where possible.
- **HYGIENE:**
 - Good hygiene practices such as hand washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds are strongly recommended
 - Avoid sharing common items such as cutlery and crockery.
 - Food areas shall be cleaned before and after use.

These guidelines shall remain in place until further notice. (August 31, 2020)