Dorset Primary School
School No.5132

COMMUNICATION WITH SCHOOL STAFF POLICY 2026-2030

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact our office.

PURPOSE

This policy explains how Dorset proposes to manage common enquiries from parents and carers.

SCOPE

This policy applies to school staff, and all parents and carers in our community.

POLICY

Dorset understands the importance of providing helpful and timely responses to common enquiries from parents and carers. To ensure that members of our school community are directed to the most appropriate person to assist them, the information below outlines key contacts for common queries:

- to report a student absence, please log absence through Compass
- to report any urgent issues relating to a student on a particular day, please contact reception
- to discuss a student's academic progress, health or wellbeing, please contact their classroom teacher
- for enquiries regarding camps and excursions, please contact your child's classroom teacher.
- to make a complaint, please contact your child's teacher or year level coordinator as per our Complaints Policy
- to report a potential hazard or incident on the school site, please contact reception
- for parent payments, please contact reception
- for all other enquiries, please contact reception

We will do our best to respond to general queries as soon as possible. The right to disconnect legislation makes explicit that all employees have the right to refuse to monitor, read, listen to or respond to contact that occurs outside their working hours from their employer or a third party (such as a student or a parent), unless that refusal is unreasonable.

We ask that you allow us 2 – 3 working days to provide you with a detailed response to general queries. We will endeavour to respond to urgent matters within 48 hours where possible.

Interpreting Services

We can arrange for interpreting support if you are from a language background other than English and need help with understanding important educational information about your child. Contact the office for more information.

Requests for information

Parents and carers are generally entitled to information ordinarily provided to parents, including school reports and newsletters.

Parents and carers seeking information that is not ordinarily provided to parents are encouraged to apply for access through the Freedom of Information process, or, if the information is sought for use in court proceedings, by issuing a subpoena.

Freedom of Information requests should be directed to:

Manager – Freedom of Information Unit
Department of Education and Training
2 Treasury Place
EAST MELBOURNE VIC 3002
03 9637 3134
foi@education.vic.gov.au

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website and Compass
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	September 2026
Approved by	Principal
Next scheduled review date	2030