

A Respectful and Responsible Learning Community **Communication with School Staff Policy**

PURPOSE

This policy explains how Great Ryrie Primary School 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

Great Ryrie Primary School 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 contact the school office on 9870 6098
- to report any urgent issues relating to a student on a particular day, please contact the school office on 9870 6098. You will be directed to the most suitable staff member.
- to discuss a student's academic progress, health or wellbeing, please contact your classroom teacher
- for enquiries regarding camps and excursions, please contact either your classroom teacher or the Year Level Coordinator
- to make a complaint, please contact the Principal on 9870 6098 or email to: great.ryrie.ps@education.vic.gov.au Please also refer to our Complaints policy, available on our school website. [Complaints Policy](#)
- to report a potential hazard or incident on the school site, please contact the Principal on 9870 6098 or email to: great.ryrie.ps@education.vic.gov.au.
- for parent payments, please contact the Business Manager on 9870 6098
- for all other enquiries, please contact our school office on 9870 6098 or via the school email, great.ryrie.ps@education.vic.gov.au

School staff will do their best to respond to general queries as soon as possible and ask that you allow 2 – 3 working days to provide you with a detailed response. We will endeavour to respond to urgent matters within 24 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. If you need an interpreter at any time, please contact the school office on 9870 6098.

A Respectful and Responsible Learning Community **Communication with School Staff Policy**

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
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	Ratified in October 2021
Consultation	School Council
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	2024