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RETURNING IN TERM 4 UPDATE

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

As our school is in an LGA that is still under stay-at-home rules we will continue to learn from home for the start of Term 4. It is important that you continue to keep your children home if you are able to work from home. While we are planning for our return to face-to-face learning and our teachers are completing their COVID-19 vaccinations there will only be minimal supervision for students on site. All students will be provided with the same work as they would be completing at home. We will continue using the same format used during Term 3, with weekly Zoom meetings and work provided by each stage. Please access student home learning via Google classroom, our email or our Facebook pages. Work will continue to be prepared for the coming few weeks until we are all back on site. **Our last home delivery will be on Tuesday, 5th October.** Hardcopies for the following weeks will be available outside our main gates each Monday and Tuesday mornings.

I know we are all excited about the coming freedoms available to those who are fully vaccinated in NSW, but I ask every family to hold on just a few weeks more to give us the time we need to complete our planning for your child's safe return.

RETURN TO SCHOOL ROADMAP FOR TERM 4

In Term 4, where stay-at-home rules are still in place but high community vaccination and low transmission conditions are met, students will return to school in a staggered approach for prioritised cohorts, with no mingling or on-site activities.



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In the majority of schools students will return to face-to-face learning with NSW Health-approved COVID - safe Level 3 plus settings on school sites in the following order as announced by the Premier on 30th September:

- **From 18th October 2021: Preschool, Kindergarten and Year 1 as well as K20**
- **From 25th October 2021: Years 2, 6 and 11**
- **From 1st November 2021: Years 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9 and 10.**

The return to school roadmap is subject to change depending on new information expected through the Public Health Order and additional advice from NSW Health. You can stay up to date with the most recent advice on the Department of Education's 'Advice for Parents' page:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families>

For those families who have siblings across year groups I know it will be difficult to keep some at home while others are back on site. But to re-iterate the message above – we need this time to prepare our school and operations for having all our students back so it's essential that you only send your children to school in line with the set plan.

LEARNING FROM HOME

For families who are continuing to learn from home, our education department has [the learning from home page which](#) has a wide range of curriculum-based activities to further support your child's learning, if needed.

Thank you again for your understanding and support during what is going to be both an exciting, but also an anxious time over the coming Term.

Please take some time to check out our [wellbeing resources for students and families](#). You'll find useful tools for mental health and Term 4 preparation.



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We are spending the first week back at school finalising our COVID-safe plans for a return to face-to-face learning and I hope to share these plans with you in the coming weeks.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can do anything to help you to prepare for the return to face-to-face learning or if you have any concerns about the return to school with limited staff on site for the first 2 weeks, please send an email to the school admin address and we will provide assistance.

I thank you deeply for helping to keep us all safe and your ongoing support of our school community.

Stay well.

Kind Regards

Kris Hudswell
Principal