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Dear parents/caregiver,

The start of the 2022 school year has been adjusted to help minimise the peak of COVID-19 cases in South Australia.

There will be a staged return to school and preschool over the first two weeks of term that balances every child's learning entitlement with safety and risk management concerns.

Face-to-face learning has been prioritised for our youngest learners and for specific year levels that are transitioning. Remote learning will be provided for all other year levels.

The dates for the start of Term 1 are:



Face-to-face learning:

If you choose to keep your child at home, or if they are required to isolate, a school based remote learning program will not be offered. However you can access learning units through Our Learning SA https://www.education.sa.gov.au/our-learning-sa The Department is presently working on providing additional lessons within the curriculum areas already being offered through the link.





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Remote learning provided for:

Years 2 to 6 students and years 9 to 11 students, starting on Wednesday 2 February.

If you are required to attend your workplace and do not have any other appropriate supervision for your children, they can come to school. We will supervise them as they complete their remote learning program.

Preparation days (31 January and 1 February)

These days will be used by our staff to prepare for remote learning and the change to the start of term 1.

If you are required to work and who do not have appropriate supervision for your child, you can choose to send them to school to be supervised on these days. No formal learning programs will be provided.

Numbers

In order for us to ascertain the mode of learning your child/ren will require please fill out the following survey. It is imperative that we have accurate numbers so we can keep everyone safe, provide the best possible duty of care and settling in programs over the first few weeks.

https://forms.office.com/r/10CMBqjSei

Minimising the spread of COVID-19

To ensure that our students and staff are as safe as possible at school, we will be implementing the following measures as advised by the Department for Education and SA Health:

- Please keep your child home if they are unwell, even mildly including runny nose, sore throat, headaches, stomach pain or upset.
- Please say goodbye at the gate in the morning (One parent of our foundation students will be able to do their drop off at a COVID safe marquee on the junior primary oval)
- Parents are asked not to come into buildings. School fees can be paid on line and most administrative tasks can be attended to via email or phone.
- Masks are required for:
 - All adults when indoors (except if it's impeding our staff's ability to communicate while teaching)
 - o students in years 7 to 12 when indoors
- Masks are strongly recommended for children in years 3 to 6 when indoors
- Natural ventilation will be maximised by leaving doors/windows open, continued use of air conditioning (set to fresh air intake where available) and fans where possible
- Outdoor learning where appropriate
- Physical distancing where possible
- Minimise student intermingling indoors, for example across class groups
- Limit non-essential visitors on site. We will work with parents of students who are starting school to make sure you are able to come on site to be part of your child's transition (in a COVID safe way).





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- An extra daily site clean
- Temporary postponement of the following activities
 - o camps, excursions and incursions
 - o acquaintance evenings and AGM
 - o interschool sport trials and competitions
 - large gatherings such as assemblies, events and concerts.

We are hoping our Out of School Hours Care will recommence on Wednesday January 19, with all users of the service receiving constant updates.

We appreciate you might have some questions about these changes. Please don't hesitate to email the school on dl.0368.info@schools.sa.edu.au.

Many staff have already forgone their annual leave entitlement to ensure a smooth and safe transition for the 2022 school year. More details will be provided as we get closer to the start of term.

We look forward to seeing your child face-to-face or online to start the school year.

Warmest regards

Karen Duval. Principal