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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Week 2 – Learning at Home Packs & Preliminary advice for safe return

Thank you for supporting us with your child's learning at home. Our school, like all schools, will transition **to Level 3 Plus as of Monday 18 October 2021**. (*Please Note: 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.*)

Our updated staggered return will be as follows:

- From 18 October 2021: Kindergarten and Year 1
- From 25 October 2021: All other students.

We respectfully ask that the Year 2 students from 1/2E start on 25 October, as per the Department's guidelines. If there any extenuating circumstances, please feel free to call me.

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 and all students will be provided with the same work as they would be completing at home.

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 little while longer to give us the time we need to complete our planning for your child's safe return. You can be assured that our school will have many layers of protection in place as per the Department of Education guidelines. They include:

- *windows open in all classrooms and offices - cross ventilation -*
- *mandatory wearing of masks and strongly recommended for students*
- *mandated vaccinations no cohort mixing – (finalising what this will look like this week)*
- *parents to drop students off to school as close to the 9:00am bell as possible*
- *different pick-up times for students in the afternoon.*
- *different break times for lunch and recess*
- *washing of equipment after use in place, eg. Soccer balls, skipping ropes,*
- *good hygiene practices - washing of hands and sanitising*
- *outdoor learning spaces to be used as much as possible - Yarning Circle, COLAs, Shaded areas.*
- *enhanced cleaning procedures for whole school.*
- *unauthorised adults will not be allowed to enter our school grounds*

As you can imagine a great deal of these guidelines will add many layers of complexities for all of us, however, we will be constantly reviewing and tweaking to ensure we are all staying safe.

Due to the fast nature of various changes and guidelines, we are in the process of ensuring that the communication to parents is as updated as possible and keeping with the mandated guidelines. More information to follow this week. You can also stay up to date with the most recent advice on our Advice for Families website: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families>

Learning at Home Packs -

Week 2 'Home Learning Packs' are ready to be picked up once again. Our Covid safe practices have been very successful in terms of the collection of the booklets. Student booklets can be picked up **from the front office gate from 10:00am on Monday 11 October 2021.** Our Covid safe plan mandates that parents do not get out of their vehicles. Like last term, please drive up to the front office gate from 10:00am onwards and we will be there to give you your child's pack. If the gate is not manned, please call the school and we will come out to you.

Please remember that if you need to pick up the booklet after 3:30pm on Monday to call the school and let us know, so we can make appropriate arrangements.

Please also remember that for your child to be marked as "F" (flexible learning- which is the same as being present at school)" we will need to see some evidence of them completing the schoolwork set. We kindly ask that once worksheets are completed to post them on your child's seesaw for the teachers to mark and give feedback. If your child is completing work through 'google classroom' or on the seesaw app, their attendance will be automatically marked as 'F'.

Thank you for your continued support.

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