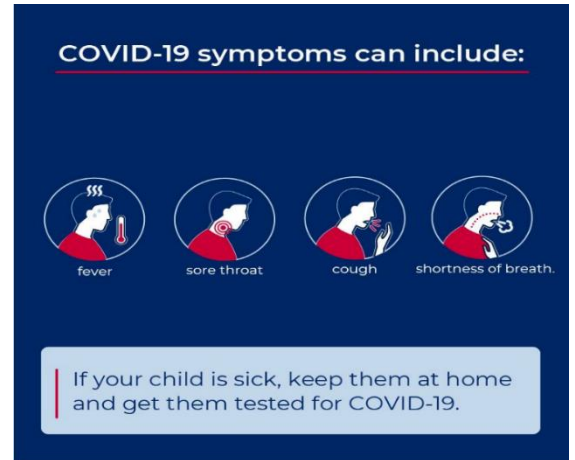


Dear parents and carers,  
 A warm welcome back to school for 2021. I trust everyone enjoyed the holiday period. The NSW Department of Education has released guidelines to commence the start of the school year, ensuring the health and safety of all. This is a detailed and informative document which I encourage all our families to read. It is very similar to what was covered in Term 4. Listed below are some major points impacting on school organisation. Please note the summary below does not cover all of the information and it is important to refer to the department's document, which you can view by clicking on the following link: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families>

Kind regards  
 Genelle Goldfinch - Principal  
 27.01.21



Term 1	Item	Information
	<b>Wearing face masks</b>	Staff and students are not required to wear a face mask while at school. Anyone who wishes to wear their own mask in schools will not be prevented from doing so.
	<b>COVID Safe Check-in</b>	All adults who enter the school, are required to sign-in using the COVID Safe Check-in QR Code (at the gate). If you are going to the uniform shop, to the office, to meet with a teacher, then you will also be required to complete the school-based QR registration Code.
	<b>Morning Drop Off Regularly: apart from variation listed below.</b>	Please drop of your child/ren as close to 8:45am as possible. <b>Please say goodbye at the gate.</b>
	<b>Yr 1-2</b>	For parents/ carers of students in 1-2 on Friday 29 January, you will be able to enter the school if you wish to support your child in their return. Please assemble under in the Kindy Quad.
	<b>Kindergarten 2021 message for Monday 1 February.</b>	<i>Parents/ carers with Kindergarten children, are encouraged to attend the school on Monday 1 February to allow for a smooth transition. Each family will receive a call from school on Friday 29/1/21 regarding specific details including: taking your child straight to the hall at 9:00am and the details for the afternoon pick up.</i>
	<b>Afternoon Pick Ups</b>	Please be prompt to pick up your child and leave pick up point with your child. Please do not stand in groups. We also ask you to, follow the directions that maybe given by a Fairfield West PS staff member, to ensure the school is meeting COVID regulations.
	<b>Students WITHOUT siblings at FWPS</b>	At 2:50pm each day students who do not have siblings will exit the school via the gate organised between you and your child.

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	<b>Students WITH siblings at FWPS</b>	At 3:00pm each day students who have siblings will exit the school via the gate organised between you and your child. <u>Gates that are open will be: front office gate – Cumberland Highway; both gates on Hamilton Rd.</u> Please organise where you will pick up your children.
	<b>Teacher Meetings</b>	If you need to meet with your child's teacher, please call the school on 96045568. Teachers cannot meet with parents/carers at 9:00am or at 3:00pm. If needed, meetings can occur face-to-face and with an interpreter.
	<b>Canteen</b>	Canteen orders can be placed online or your child can hand in their lunch order before 9:00am.
	<b>Uniform Shop</b>	Any adults needing to go to the Uniform Shop will need to inform the staff member at each entry point and complete a <b>school-based QR registration code at the Uniform Shop.</b>
	<b>Parents/carers</b>	Parents/carers can only come onsite for <b>essential purposes.</b>
	<b>Volunteers</b>	Procedures remain the same. <b>Non-essential visitors are not permitted onsite.</b>
	<b>Excursions</b>	Excursions can proceed in 2021 if the proposed venue has a COVID-19 safety plan.
	<b>School Activities</b>	Extracurricular activities (eg: dance, debating) will be <b>subject</b> to the development of risk assessments and COVID-19 safety plans. Students will only participate in <b>class, grade or stage activities.</b> Students will not engage in any extended curriculum/learning activities that involve the mixing of stage groups.

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