

## Return to school roadmap – Term 4

Dear parents and carers

Welcome back to face-to-face learning!

During Term 4, students will return to school in a staged approach, with no mingling or on-site activities.

In schools like ours where we have been learning from home for extended periods of time, students will return to face-to-face learning with NSW Health-approved COVID-safe settings on school sites in the following order:

- from **18 October** – department preschools, Kindergarten, Year 1, Support Unit Students
- from **25 October** – all remaining year groups.

The return to school roadmap is subject to change depending on advice from NSW Health. You can stay up to date with the most recent information on our [Advice for families page](#).

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

Included is information that should answer any of your concerns as well as information that relates specifically to Fairfield West Public School.

### School specific information

**Classroom Teachers:** all classes will have their class teacher, as well as a buddy teacher working in and out of the classroom each day during week 3, (18-22 October). Check out the link – Helpful Tips For coming back to Primary School - <http://bitly.ws/hhnH>

**Student Attendance:** students should be at school on the date indicated for their year group unless they have a medical certificate which says they cannot return to school due to a condition or illness, they are unwell, or they have been asked by NSW Health to self-isolate.

**Devices:** During the Learning from Home Phase, many families borrowed devices and dongles from the school. We ask that these resources be returned to the school when your child returns. Your child is to give the device to their classroom teacher. If a child returns but another child is at home learning, it is fine to return the device on 25 October 2021.



**Breaktime two per day:** Each grade group will play in a designated area at each break.  
**K-2:** will be having Break 1: 11:20am-11:45am and Break 2: 1:40pm-2:05pm  
**Years 3-6 and Support Unit:** will be having Break 1: 10:50am -11:15am and Break 2: 1:00pm-1:35pm.

**Canteen:** The canteen will reopen on 25 October in Week 4. There will be no face-to-face ordering by adults. It is encouraged that parents/ carers utilise the flexischools site (see below information from Made Fresh Canteen). Students can bring money to order their recess (limited menu atm) and lunch and this will occur in the morning from their classroom. Both recess and lunch orders will be delivered to the classroom.

### **Canteen News – reopens on 25 October 2021 – week 4**

Place all your school orders online with Flexischools <https://www.flexischools.com.au/>

As we progress towards the exciting return of all students to on-campus learning, help us support COVID-safe practices by signing up for Flexischools and placing your canteen orders online at a time that's convenient for you.

Reducing cash handling and staffing requirements is the best way for us to keep our students and canteen safe and healthy.

To register, you can download the Flexischools App from the App Store (for iOS) or the Google Play Store (for Android). Alternatively, to register via your computer or laptop, go to [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au) and click the 'Register' button at the top right of your screen.

Once you're registered, add your students to your account by selecting the profile icon (second from the right on the bottom nav bar) and then selecting the 'Students' tab.

From there, find Fairfield West Public School and enter student's details to be able to place orders for them.

Support your School Canteen and rest assured that all our food is made fresh daily within the canteen.

Made Fresh Canteen



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**DROP OFF AND PICK UP:** We will be reinstating the drop off and pick up school routine that was employed from 2020 and the beginning of 2021.

We ask that parents/ carers work with us– no adults are allowed on-site at this time.

**Drop Offs** are simple. On arrival from as close to 8:45am as possible, students come in via the gate they normally enter the school from, sanitise their hands and go straight to their classroom.

**Pick Ups** from **2.20-3.00pm**, all gates will be supervised by staff. Students will be leaving school in house groups as per 2020 and as they did earlier this year, via the gate they entered, which you will need to discuss with your child, so they know exactly where to meet you.

<b>Thorpe (blue)</b>	<b>Sauvage (green)</b>	<b>Support Unit and siblings</b>	<b>O'Neill (yellow)</b>	<b>Freeman (red)</b>	<b>Day care &amp; essential workers students</b>
<b>2:20pm</b>	<b>2:30pm</b>	<b>2:35pm</b>	<b>2:40pm</b>	<b>2:50pm</b>	<b>3:00pm</b>

All Fairfield West students will be supervised in the afternoon prior to leaving the school with their parent/carer, or if they usually walk home they can leave. We will have staff at each gate to assist as we have in the past. **It is important that we work together now as we have during learning from home.**

We ask is that:

- everyone wears a mask
- ensure physical distancing measures are being followed.

Please click on one of the links below for some parent tips as you prepare your child to return to face to face learning.

[English](#)

[Arabic](#)

[Vietnamese](#)



# COVID-safe operations for schools

Students return to face-to-face learning in staged cohorts. COVID-safe operations are maintained through high rates of staff and student vaccination, safe rostering and physical distancing.

**Department Preschools, Kindergarten & Year 1**

**18 October**

**All other years**

**25 October**

From 18 October, students sitting their HSC exams will be able to access their schools full-time for revision and study sessions.

Students should be at school from the date indicated for their year group unless they are unwell.

**Drop-offs and pick-ups**

Drop-offs and pick-ups will be by staggered groups and all entrances and exits will be used to start and finish school days. Please follow the physical distancing rules, avoid gathering outside gates, remain off school grounds and wear a mask. (some exceptions made for vulnerable students.) Try to stay in the car. This does not apply to (OOSH). Sign-in procedures are required.

**Ventilation**

Open or well-ventilated spaces reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 because infectious particles are more quickly diffused in the open air than in spaces with less ventilation. Outdoor settings will be used where practicable.

**Vaccination**

All adults on school sites must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19, including employees, contractors, volunteers and essential visitors. Students aged 12 or above are now eligible for a COVID-19 vaccination. Parents and carers can book in a Pfizer or Moderna vaccine now.

**Masks**

Masks will be required for all staff and all students in Year 7 and above while they are indoors and outdoors on school sites unless eating or exercising. Masks are strongly recommended for primary students both indoors and outdoors unless eating or exercising. Students should bring their own masks where possible, but schools will have back-up supplies just in case. Masks are also required for all travel on public transport for children 13 years and older.

**Visitors**

Only essential visitors are allowed on school sites. All visitors are required to wear a mask and sign-in using the Service NSW QR code when entering the school.

**Hand hygiene & cleaning**

Students will be reminded to wash their hands often. Sanitisers, soaps, paper towels and other essential items will be readily available for students. Enhanced cleaning will continue on our school site.



Fairfield West Public School Staff, look forward to seeing everyone return over the next two weeks.

See you then.

Genelle Goldfinch  
Principal  
15 October 2021

