

TERM 4 RETURNS WITH LEARNING FROM HOME

Dear parents and caregivers,

Here we are in Term 4, trusting you had an opportunity to spend some time together as a family over the holiday break without having to balance learning from home and other demands. We certainly had some nice weather to enjoy the outdoors.

Term 4 with learning from home

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 child/ren at home if you can 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 and the same work is completed at school as at home.

We would like to thank you for supporting your child/ren with learning from home and continuing to do so until the return to school dates, so the school can complete planning for a safe return of students and staff to Fairfield West PS.

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.

In most 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 30 September.

- From 18 October 2021: Preschool, Kindergarten and Year 1
- From 25 October 2021: Years 2, 6 and 11
- From 1 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 our [Advice for families \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au)

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 our set plan.



Vaccinations for students aged 12 years and over

Young people aged 12 years and over are now also eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccination. You can book in your children for Pfizer now, or Moderna where availability is indicated.

Vaccination appointments are available at more than 3,000 locations across NSW, including GPs and pharmacies. More appointments will become available as supply increases, so keep checking for new appointments in coming weeks.

Learning from Home and returning to school Term 4

For families who are continuing to learn from home, [the learning from home page](#) 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 time, but also a time which will require tenacity to safety measures which may see things being done differently. 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.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can do anything to help you and your children to prepare for the return to face-to-face learning or if you have any concerns about the return to school. We are currently spending time 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.

Take good care and keep safe.



Genelle Goldfinch

Principal

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I respect and acknowledge Aboriginal People as the traditional owners of the land on which I work, live and visit

