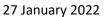


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Dear families,

I am writing with additional information about the return of students to our school campus. First, a reminder about the return dates for students.

Commencing 31 January	Preschool	
	 New students tour from 9am-10am 	
Commencing 1 February	• Years 1 - 6	

Drawing on national and local health advice, we have developed a return to school plan which has three key priorities:

- the health and safety of staff and young people
- the mental and emotional well-being of students and staff, and
- ensuring continuity of learning.

Below is an outline of <u>ACT Health Guidelines</u> that schools are required to implement to ensure effective COVID-19 measures are in place.

Student illness	Anyone who is unwell, symptomatic or who are household close contacts must not be at school or preschool. This applies to staff and students. If they attend when unwell, they will be sent home.
Masks	Staff, visitors and students* in years 7-12 must wear a face mask on campus. Students in years 3-6 are encouraged to wear a mask if they are comfortable doing so. Students in Preschool to year 2 are not required to wear a mask. Masks may not be suitable for students with a disability or medical condition and schools will make allowances for those students not to wear masks. * Masks will be available at school for those who require them. Disposable masks need to be changed every four hours.
Physical Distancing	Physical distancing between children and young people is not always possible,
and cohorting of staff and students	particularly in single classrooms and school environments. It is however important for limiting the transmission of COVID-19. To support cohorting of staff and students, we
Stair and Students	have staggered breaktimes and timetables as well as pick up and drop off
	arrangements. More specific information about what this means for your child is
	included below.
Hand hygiene and	Schools will maintain and promote hand and respiratory hygiene practices. Students
COVID smart	will need to wash hands and use hand sanitisers throughout the day. Students will not
behaviours	be allowed to share food or drink.





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Fm. incomposite!	Our school clooping program includes regular clooping of high touch point convices
Environmental	Our school cleaning program includes regular cleaning of high touch point services,
cleaning Ventilation	frequently used objects, common areas, toilets and play equipment. All schools are following an Indoor Air Quality Plan. Improved ventilation and increased outdoor learning will be implemented where appropriate. Ventilation systems have been adjusted to increase fresh air circulation and plans will be updated to reflect improvements made since 2021, The Indoor Air Quality Plan can be found on our school
	website: https://www.franklinschool.act.edu.au/
Vaccination	The ACT has one of the highest vaccination rates of any city in the world and this is reflected in our teaching workforce. COVID-19 vaccinations are also mandated for staff working across early childhood education and care services, preschools, primary schools, Out of School Hours Care, specialist school settings and P-10 schools, or schools that share campus space with students in year 6 or below. These requirements are in place until the conclusion of the public health emergency.
Visitors and use of Check in CBR app	All students aged 16 and above, staff and visitors must check in using the 'Check in CBR' app. Parents and carers are allowed on school grounds for scheduled appointments only. Special arrangements will be made for children starting at a new school or early childhood service in 2022, or children with special needs who require transition visits prior to the commencement of the new school year.
Wellbeing supports	Wellbeing and learning supports, such as face to face appointments with the school psychologist or access to a Learning Support Assistant, will recommence with the return to school. They can be accessed through the schools established referral process. If the school psychology position is temporarily vacant, you can book an appointment for your child with our Central Telehealth team by filling a booking request form or emailing Telehealth@ed.act.edu.au. Central Telehealth Service is available between 9:30 – 4:30 pm during weekdays.
	For parents and carers of students with a medical vulnerability: If you wish the school to make reasonable adjustments for the safe return of your child, you must consult a GP and provide medical advice to that effect. Where adjustments can't be made, the school will support your child to learn from home.
Managing COVID-19 in schools	We are prepared to respond to a positive COVID-19 case on campus. A student who presents with symptoms of COVID-19 will be isolated with suitable supervision, and parents will be required to collect their child. Symptomatic students will be required to wear a mask. Symptomatic staff and visitors will be advised to travel directly home.
	If a staff member, child, young person or visitor is diagnosed with COVID-19 and has attended a school site during their infectious period, they are required to advise their school.
	Where a COVID-19 case in a school leads to students and staff being assessed as at risk of exposure, those impacted will be informed by the school about what they are required to





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	do in line with ACT Health requirements. If the exposure is considered low risk, students and staff will continue to be able to attend school while closely monitoring for COVID-19 symptoms.
	Risk assessments are based off the ACT Health Guidelines for Schools.
COVID-19 screening	Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms should get a PCR or Rapid Antigen Test immediately. Free Rapid Antigen Tests will be provided to all staff and students in ACT schools for the first four weeks of term 1. Rapid Antigen Testing will be voluntary for staff and students. Students and staff will do the tests at home and are required to report any positive test results to their school and to ACT Health.
	Rapid Antigen Testing kits will be available to collect from school during the first week of term. More information on the collection arrangements for our school will be provided in the coming days.

To further support the ACT Health Guidelines our school is making the following adjustments.

Student **Drop off** and pick up

If your child is in the beginning of the week preschool group (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays on an odd week) the school year commences on Monday 1 February at 9:00am. Upon arriving at school please make your way via the back of the school to the playground space called Great Outdoors 1 where your child will be able to meet their teacher and educator. The location of this spot is indicated by a yellow star 🌟 on the map below. In line with Directorate guidelines, we are requesting that no more than 2 family members escort our pre-schoolers onsite.

All students new to Franklin in 2022 (Kinder- year 6) are welcome to come to school on Monday 31 January from 9:00-10:00 am for a tour of the school. If new students have already had a tour, there's no need to come on Monday, we will see you on Tuesday when the rest of the school commences.

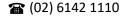
For existing students, the school year begins on Tuesday 1 February at 9:00am. Please follow the directions below to assist with drop off/pick up. In line with Directorate guidelines, we are requesting that families remain outside of the school premises for the start of 2022. If your child is in kindergarten and if required, 1-2 family members may escort their child/ren to the outside of their classroom.

SEE LOCATION DETAILS HERE:

	Say goodbye to	Will be escorted to:	Code on map
	families at:		below
Kindergarten	The service entrance	The orange block	
	(near stop drop and		
	go)		
Year 1	The front of the school	New building	4
	(front office area)		
Year 2	The side gate (next to	The portable	1
	the portable)		
Year 3/4	The side gate (next to	The blue block	
	the portable)		
Year 5/6	The back gate (near	New building	
	the preschool mud		<u></u>
	kitchen)		
Small Group Program	The front of the school	New building	
	(front office area)		

















preschool entry



Procedures:

- Hand sanitiser will be every classroom, offices and front office.
- Cough into elbows or a tissue, place tissue in the bin and do hand hygiene after.
- Avoid touching eyes, noses and mouth
- Do not share food and drink

Hand washing procedures are as follows:

Wash hands at the start of day, after each play time and before eating. Everyone will wash their hands as procedure as per Directorate Hand washing sheet:



Teaching and learning

Hygiene routines

> Term overviews outlining what teaching and learning will look like will be sent to all families at the end of week 2.

> To ensure that adults are not mixing with a wide array of students, each staff member has been allocated a year level grade. Until we receive further advice from the Directorate, staff will work in the following areas:





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level	Classroom teachers	Release teacher/s	Year level support	
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Year level	Classroom teachers	Release teacher/s	Year level support
Preschool	Sarah King	Dylan Elks	Erin Rhodes
	Alex Wood	Joy Urquhart	Surbhi Gupta
			Sehar Aslam
Kindergarten	Lisa Slattery	Catherine Griffin	Shelley Rath
	Melanie	Rebecca Tobler	
	Pollack/Brigette King		
	Jess Wilson		
	Louise Johnson		
Year 1	Krystal Bullock	Katie Young	Jackson Smith
	Renee Willey	Hannah Eversham	Ben Van De Rhee
	Tara Hall		Di Keir
	Rosanna De Marco		
Year 2	Christine	Emma S (release)	Sehar Aslam
	Durward/Emma Skeen	Joy Urquhart	
	Gabby Jackson		
	Karen Cossins		
	Helen Duncan		
Year 3/4	Alice Pommer	Dylan Elks	Charu Passi
	Natasha Taylor	Julian Fior	
	Phoebe Gordon		
	Tanielle Peate		
	Adele Janse Van		
	Rensburg		
Year 5/6	Sam Beattie/Sam	Julian Fior	Michelle Eggleton
	Higginson-Collits	Sam Higginson-	
	Madi Smith	Collits (release)	
	Noni See		
Small Group	Jessica Smith	Ann Harrison	Rebecca Atkins
Program	Keryn Bird		Di Keir
			Robina Jeffs

Admin staff: Peter Thompson (Business manager), MayLin Singer, Emma Hopkins, Gloria Ross, Noreen Pigeon (library) and Zoran Veskovic (Building Services Officer).

Break times Break times will be as follows:





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	Recess Time	Group	Location
	10:30-11:00am	Kindy, year 1, year 2 and Small Group Program	K- G01
			SGP- SGP courtyard/year 1 location
			Year 1:
			Monday- GO2
			Tuesday-Basketball court and new playground
			Wednesday- GO2 Thursday-GO2
			Friday-new playground and Basketball court
			Year 2:
			Monday- Basketball court and new playground Tuesday-GO2
			Wednesday- Basketball court and new
			playground
			Thursday- Basketball court and new playground
			Friday-GO2
	11:00-11:30	Years 3-6	Year 3/4:
			Monday- GO2
			Tuesday- Basketball court and new playground
			Wednesday- GO2 Thursday- Basketball court and new playground
			Friday-GO2
			Year 5/6:
			Monday- Basketball court and new playground
			Tuesday-GO2 Wednesday- Basketball court and new
			playground
			Thursday- GO2
			Friday- Basketball court and new playground
	Lunch Time	Group	Location
	12:30-1:00	Kindy and SGP	K- GO1
			SGP- SGP courtyard and year 1 locations
			₹ 1- as above
			Year 2- as above
	1:00-1:30	Years 3-6	Years 3/4 – as above
			Years 5/6- as above
Before			
and After	 All children P-6 will be acce 	ssing the rooms in the portable	building.
School	 At the end of each day, pre 	school students attending After	s will be collected by Anglicare
Care	staff and escorted to their of	designated room	
	 At the end of each day, 1 year 	ear level teacher will escort child	dren to Afters to sign a paper roll
	 (so there is no sharing of de 		
		rs 3-6 teachers will send childre	n to Δfters
	At the end of each day, yea	ii 3 5 0 teachers will send cillidre	II to Alters.
School	Please send your child's lun	nch order with them to the class	room.
canteens	 At approximately 9:30am lu 	unch orders will be dropped out	side the canteen.
and		uted to classrooms at eating tim	
uniform	Editori Gracia Will be distrib	acea to classification at eating till	
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	We will continue to sell hats. Please contact the front office on 61421110 for details
Events	In line with Directorate guidelines, there will be no athletics, cross country or
and	swimming carnival this term.
Excursions	The Directorate will review all camps, including our 3/4 and 5/6 camp as the
	term progresses.

We will continue to review and adjust these measures based on the most up to date advice from ACT Health.

During this time we may experience impacts on our workforce due to the requirements of staff to isolate under ACT Health directions. We will work closely with the Education Directorate to make appropriate adjustments to ensure student and staff safety. This may include using casual relief staff, combining of classes, limiting or cancelling non-essential activities, switching to the provision of supervision only or possibly temporary transition to remote learning.

Remember, all adults and children aged 5 years and above are eligible for vaccination. If your child is eligible but not yet vaccinated, we encourage you to book them in by calling the COVID-19 vaccination line on 5124 7700 daily between 7am-7pm. Bookings can also be made with some GP clinics and pharmacies.

For more information about the return to schools, I'd recommend visiting the Education Directorate's website.

You can keep up to date with the latest health information, advice and resources on the ACT's COVID-19 website.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support. We look forward to seeing all our students back at school.

Kind regards,

Kate Flynn

Principal