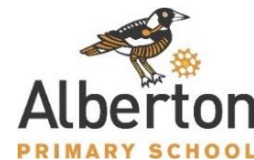


Welcome Back – Remote & Face to Face Learning Information



Thursday 27th Jan 2022

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Wow, what a few weeks in South Australia but hoping our families have had a lovely holiday spent with family and friends.

By now, many of our families would have read or listened to the news and would have a good understanding of what the next few weeks may look like. We will do our best to ensure the beginning of the school year is enjoyable, organized and positive for children.

Face-to-face learning has been prioritised for our youngest learners across South Australia and for specific year levels that are transitioning to High School. Remote learning will be provided for all other year levels.

The dates for the start of Term 1 are:

Monday 31st January – preparation day for teachers (supervision only provided to students)

Tuesday 1st February – preparation day for teachers (supervision only provided to students)

Wednesday 2nd February – School officially returns

- Face to face learning for preschool, reception and year 1 students
- Remote learning for years 2 to 6 students
- As a parent or caregiver of Year 2-6 or vulnerable children, if you are required to attend your workplace (re employment) and do not have any other appropriate supervision for your child, they can come to school.
- All Year 2 students who attend school in weeks 1 & 2 will be placed in the year 1/2 classes (where possible, with their regular teacher).
- All Year 3-6 students who attend school in weeks 1 & 2 need to report to Life Science Centre Room for drop off and pick up.
- We will supervise them as they complete their remote learning program. **The school day is from 8:45am – 3:00pm.**

Monday 14th February – intended return of face-to-face learning for all year levels at school

Teacher Preparation Days (Monday 31st January & Tuesday 1st February):

These days will be used by our staff to prepare for remote learning and the change to the start of term 1. If you are required to work and do not have appropriate supervision for your child, you can choose to send them to school to be supervised on these days.

No formal learning program will be provided on these preparation days.

Broad Street Community children – report to the Hive

New Street Community children – report to Life Science Centre Room (next to Orange Magpie)

Nest children – report to Coral Magpie

OSHC will operate as normal for before and after school care for families, please refer to website or contact OSHC directly on 8447 1641 or 0427 559 681

Face-to-face learning:

Will be provided for preschool, reception and year 1 children, **starting Wednesday 2nd February 2022.**

In these year levels, if your child will not be attending face to face (eg you choose to keep them at home or they are required to isolate) a school based remote learning program will not be offered for these year levels.

The Department for Education is developing online learning for students that your child can access online in this situation.

Our staff will continue to support and communicate with every family and child.

Remote Learning:

Years 2 to 6 students, starting on **Wednesday 2nd February 2022**.

If you do not have access to a suitable online device, a school laptop/Chrome Book or Ipad can be collected from their classroom. Each child has been allocated a school device and this ensures we can monitor the appropriate use and any damage as per signed ICT agreement.

Please notify the class teacher when you arrive and then wait outside until they have accessed your device. They will bring it to you. Children will need to complete a basic login process before leaving the site. The teacher will support them with this process. (Broad Street children with ipads don't need to undertake this login process).

Hard copies of learning packs can be provided upon request to your child's classroom teacher. Please email them directly once they have sent out their communication.

Your child's daily remote learning program will be uploaded to Seesaw (or emailed by request) by 8:45am each morning by the teacher. Each class will have a daily live session via Microsoft teams with their class teacher (or another member of staff depending on availability). These times will be staged between 9am – 11am across the school and will be confirmed by your child's class teacher.

On **Tuesday 1st Feb**, families will receive an email outlining all the relevant information to access Microsoft Teams, computer logins and seesaw from your child's teacher.

Please contact your child's teacher for any further clarification of their remote learning program from this time onwards.

Device Collection Time if required:

Tuesday 1st Feb 1:30pm – 3:00pm from your child's classroom (1 adult per student)

Follow COVID safe practices by wearing a mask and COVID Safe Check in is required.

We ask families to enter and exit from buildings and the site as quickly as possible and ensure you are socially distancing.

Please wait outside once you have notified your teacher for device collection.

Minimising the spread of COVID-19:

To ensure that our students and staff are as safe as possible at school, we will be implementing the following measures as advised by the Department for Education and SA Health:

- Keep your child home if they are unwell, even mildly. The school will communicate directly with families if your child presents as unwell at school and you will be required to collect them.
- Masks are required for:
 - All adults when indoors (except if it's impeding our staff's ability to communicate while teaching or you have an official exemption that can be provided)
- Masks are strongly recommended for children in years 3 to 6 when indoors, masks will be provided at school.
- Natural ventilation will be maximised by leaving doors/windows open, continued use of air conditioning (set to fresh air intake where available) and fans where possible
- Outdoor learning where appropriate
- Physical distancing where possible
- An extra daily site clean (funded by the department)
- Temporary postponement of the following activities (until week 4 of term):
 - camps, excursions and incursions
 - interschool sport trials and competitions
 - large gatherings such as assemblies, events and concerts.

First Day Back – Preschool, Reception and Year 1:

This is a special day for your child and as a family, we want this to be a memorable and happy experience.

Families are welcome to attend and support their child to settle in on their first day.

We ask that all COVID safe practices are followed and know our community will support this.

At the end of each day, Year 1 children will be walked out to the playground area for collection and handover with parents/caregivers.

All Nest children can be collected from their home groups as normal.

At all other times, no adults are permitted inside buildings until further notice. This is to ensure our staff and student safety and we ask for unconditional support on this matter (fingers crossed it's a short period of time).

Reminders and changes:

Pupil Free Day Monday 31st Jan 2022 has been rescheduled to Wednesday 13th April 2022 (Trauma Informed Practice)

Front Office is open as normal 8:30am – 3:30pm

The Canteen will be open as normal.

Out of school hours care (OSHC) will continue as normal.

Our **'Open Classroom'** session on Friday 28th January 2pm – 3pm is cancelled.

Year 5/6 Camp Mon 7th Feb is postponed and a new date will be communicated to those families shortly (likely Term 2 or 3).

Reverse Interviews (Meet and Greet) in Week 3 is cancelled (no early finish on Tuesday 15th Feb due to this cancellation)

Excursion to Urrbrae HS (Gudgeon Breeding Program) week 4 Mon 21st & Tues 22nd Feb postponed

We are working hard to ensure a positive start to the 2022 school year and will keep you updated regularly.

Please direct any questions to the Principal, Dan Jarrad at dan.jarrad679@schools.sa.edu.au or contact the Front Office on 8447 1924

We appreciate your patience as we navigate through the next few weeks and look forward to seeing children and families return.

Kind Regards



Dan Jarrad
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