



## ALDGATE KINDERGARTEN

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Dear families,

The start of the 2022 preschool/school year has been adjusted to help minimise the peak of COVID-19 cases in South Australia. There will be a staged return to school and preschool over the first two weeks of term that balances every child's learning entitlement with safety and risk management concerns. Face-to-face learning has been prioritised for our youngest learners and for specific year levels that are transitioning. Remote learning will be provided for all other year levels.

### **The dates for the start of Term 1 are:**

Monday 31 January – preparation day

Tuesday 1 February – preparation day

Wednesday 2 February – preschool/school is back (face to face learning for: preschool, reception, year 1, year 7, year 8 and year 12 students; Remote learning for: years 2 to 6 students and years 9 to 11 students)

Monday 14 February – planned return of face-to-face learning for all year levels.

### **Face-to-face learning:**

Will be provided for preschool, reception, year 1, year 7, year 8 and year 12 students, starting Wednesday 2 January. If you choose to keep your child at home, please let me know. If your child is required to isolate, we are not expected to provide a remote learning program. We will remain in touch with you and your child via the Seesaw app. More detail will be provided before the term commences.

### **Preparation days (31 January and 1 February)**

These days will be used by our staff to prepare for the change to the start of term 1, and for the implications of COVID outbreaks in our Kindergarten community. If you are required to work and do not have appropriate supervision for your child, you can choose to send them to preschool to be supervised on these days. No formal learning programs will be provided as the majority of staff will be engaging in preparation tasks.

### **Minimising the spread of COVID-19**

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

- Please keep your child home if they are unwell, even mildly. If your child presents with symptoms at Kindergarten, we will call you to organise for them to be taken home
- Masks are required for all adults when indoors (except if it's impeding our staff's ability to communicate while teaching). This includes parents/caregivers when dropping off/picking up children



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- Natural ventilation will be maximised by leaving doors/windows open, continued use of air conditioning (set to fresh air intake where available)
- Outdoor learning as much as possible
- Physical distancing where possible
- Minimise school children entering the site
- Limit non-essential visitors on site. Next week we will send another letter regarding how you, as families, will be able to come on site to be part of your child's transition (in a COVID safe way).
- 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.

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

We appreciate you might have some questions about these changes. We'll do our best to start planning a smooth start to the 2022 preschool year. More details will be provided as we get closer to the start of term.

We look forward to seeing you and your child soon.

*Bianca Stanbridge*