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Dear parents and caregivers

Thank you for your ongoing support as we work together to respond to the evolving COVID-19 situation.

As announced by the Premier on Sunday 30 January 2022, the Queensland Government has released the COVID-safe back to school plan.

From Monday 7 February, key features of the plan include:

- The suspension of school camps, excursions, assemblies, and large gatherings (please note that school sport will continue as usual)
- limiting visitors on site, with exceptions for parents and carers of students experiencing vulnerability, students attending early childhood development programs, kindergarten, Prep or Year 1
- masks supplied and strongly encouraged for students in Years 3 to 6
- rapid antigen tests (RATs), once received, available in school for students and staff who develop symptoms while on site
- priority access to RATs for students and staff at [Queensland Health testing clinics](#)

You can access the [Back to School plan here](#), and further information and FAQs on the [Department of Education COVID-19 website](#).

Essential to the success of these measures is that **if your child is unwell or displaying any COVID-19 symptoms, they must not attend school**. I cannot emphasise this message strongly enough – it is critical to keeping our school community safe.

## Rapid antigen tests (RATs)

The Department has committed to the supply of RATs to schools, which will be provided to any staff or students who, while attending school, develop COVID-19 symptoms. Please note if your child has COVID-19 symptoms while at home they must not attend school.

Your child, if they have COVID-19 symptoms, can visit your local [Queensland health testing clinic](#) and will be given priority access to a free RAT.

## Limiting access for visitors

At our school, limitations on parent and visitor access are now in place.

## Day 1 Procedures – Monday 7 February

Staff in high visibility vests will be present on day 1 to assist all students with the location of their classrooms.

## Prep & year 1

If you are a parent of a Kindy/Prep or Year 1 student, you may enter the school with your child, walk them directly to the prep area where you will be assisted to locate their classroom. You will be able to walk them to their classroom and pick them up from their classroom. Adults are not to enter classrooms or congregate around the classroom or prep area. Social distancing expectations apply.

## Year 2-6

On day one, you may enter the school with your child if required, where you will be assisted to locate their classroom. You will be able to walk them to their classroom however pick up after school will be from the front of the school only. Adults are not to congregate within school grounds, at entry and exit gates or at the front of the school. Social distancing expectations apply.

**From day 2, Tuesday 8 February** until further notice, the following protocols will be in place:

**Prep and year 1** students may continue to be dropped off and picked up from outside of their classrooms as deemed necessary to support their transition to school. No adult entry is permitted to classrooms. Please avoid congregation outside of classrooms or within the school grounds. Social distancing expectations apply.

**Year 2-6** students are to walk to their classrooms independently (unless prior arrangements have been approved for vulnerable children) and picked up from the front of the school. No adult entry beyond internal gates.

Pick up time for all year levels will be 3:00pm.

Please follow entry directions, social distancing and adult mandatory mask wearing.

All parents and visitors are requested to please limit your access to the school as much as possible. School shop and tuckshop orders are requested to be made online via Flexischools [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au).

## Excursions and camps

Excursions and camps scheduled between now and 4 March are cancelled.

## This week

For the upcoming week, our school remains open for children of essential workers and vulnerable children, in the same way we were last week. If you need to send your child to school you must ensure your child is well and not displaying any signs of illness.

I encourage you to stay informed of the latest developments relating to COVID-19 by regularly visiting the [Queensland Government website](http://www.qld.gov.au).

Thank you for your understanding as we continue to work together during this difficult and unprecedented time.

Yours sincerely



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