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Good morning APS Parents, Carers and Community,

I sincerely hope you had a welcome change of pace over the holiday break and some time together without having to balance learning from home with other demands, no doubt, it was a different holiday break to what we are all accustomed to. I trust you enjoyed the refreshing change of weather and discovered some of the fun staycation opportunities our local area offers...as a community I hope everyone's wellbeing was wholeheartedly embraced as priority.

Term 4 returns 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 children home if you are able to work from home. School remains open for those who are unable to undertake learning 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 all students will continue to be provided with the same work as they would be completing at home.

I know we are all excited about the coming freedoms available to those who are fully vaccinated in NSW but I ask every family to hold on just a few weeks more. Your support of our school community during learning from home last term was outstanding. Every APS staff member will continue to assist our students and their families in the weeks ahead, in any way possible while the return to school roadmap unfolds, our students safety is our number 1 priority. Please note, during this time the P&C Canteen and Uniform Shop remain closed.

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 on-site activities.

In the majority of 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](#) page.

Please feel free to contact the office, your child's teacher or myself directly with any questions or concerns you may have. We are here beside you and we will get through this together, supporting each other and everyone's differing circumstances on any given day.

Please stay safe and take care everyone.

Kind regards,
Emma Stothard
Principal