

Return to School

Parent Webinar

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Acknowledgement of Country

I acknowledge that we are hosting this parent webinar from the lands of the Darug People. I also acknowledge the Ongoing Custodians of the various lands on which you are all calling in from today and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people participating in this webinar and throughout our school community.



What we'll cover in this session

- Student return dates
- COVID-safe practices at our school
- Vaccinations
- Personal Hygiene
- Student Wellbeing
- Mask Wearing
- Cleaning Procedures
- Ventilation
- School Activities
- Orientations
- Reporting and Assessment
- Questions and answers



What you need to know about our return to school in Term 4

We're excited about our return to face-to-face learning and welcoming students and staff back onsite where we know the best learning happens.

We are taking a layered-approach to ensuring our school is safe for our staff and students.

Our guidance was developed with NSW Health and is evidence-based to give us multiple layers of protection.

COVID-safe operations for schools

Department preschools, Kindergarten & Year 1	All other years	
18 October	25 October	
		
		

Key dates for our staged return

It's important that we stick to the staged return to give us time to be ready to welcome back students onsite. Students will return to face-to-face learning in the following order

- **Monday 18 October** – Kindergarten and Year 1
- **Monday 25 October** – all remaining year groups (Years 2-6).



All students should return to school on the date indicated for their year group.

Vaccinations



COVID-19 vaccination is the best protection against severe illness and reduces the risk of spreading it to others.

- All staff required on site supporting the return to school will be fully vaccinated from 18 October.
- From 8 November all staff, contractors, volunteers and students on student placement on a school site will need to be fully vaccinated, including Before and After School Care (BASC) staff & Canteen.
- We are encouraging our school community to take up a vaccine as soon as possible, vaccines are available for eligible adults and students. Please have a discussion with your GP if you have any further questions.
- For further information about vaccines, please visit [vaccination requirements for schools](#)





Keeping student groups together

As we return to school students will be kept in their cohorts to minimise opportunities for transmission of COVID-19 and to enable effective contact tracing and containment.

This means minimising interaction between students on school grounds and keeping cohorts together where possible.



What this will look like at LEPS

- **Playground** - All grades spend break times in segregated areas including multi-age classes that will play with their year cohort.
- **Toilets** - Toilets breaks have been scheduled in year cohorts throughout the day.
- **Canteen** - The canteen will be open from 25 October for online orders only (Recess and Lunch). There will be no over the counter sales.
- **RFF** (Library, Music and Mandarin) will be scheduled in cohort blocks.



What this will look like at LEPS



➤ **Bikes-** Due to construction on our 3-6 bathrooms, there will be limited bike racks available outside the office area. Students who ride their bikes to school are encouraged to use the main gate to enter and store them neatly.

➤ **Birthday Surprises-** Our canteen will continue to offer ice block boxes for students who have a birthday at school. These can be purchased through the online portal.

Uniform Shop- Orders will need to be completed online. A new updated online order system (QKR) will be operational in the next 2 weeks. More information to come.

BASC- Before and After School Care (BASC) will follow the same COVID-safe guidelines as LEPS including the requirement to be fully vaccinated.



What this will look like at LEPS

- **On-Site Visitors-** Parents are not permitted on school grounds and are encouraged to stay in cars for drop off and pick up.
- We recommend parents & carers wear masks for drop off and pick up.
- **Arrival/ Departure** - Students will depart the school in their year groups from allocated gates.

K-3 leave at 3:10pm

- Kindy - Main gate
- Year 1 - Tennis Court gate
- Year 2- Bottom gate
- Year 3 - Top gate

Year 4-6 leave at 3:15pm

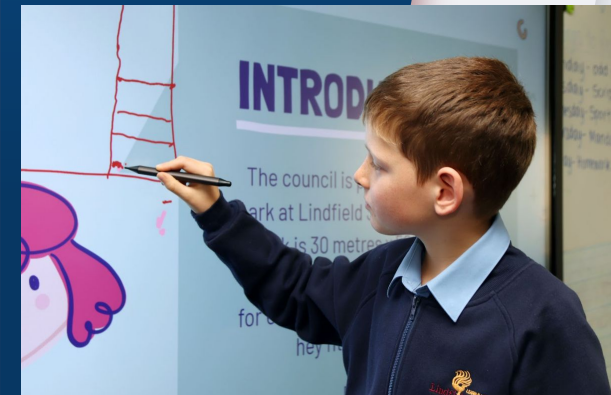
- Year 4 - Top gate
- Year 5 - Main gate
- Year 6 - Tennis Court gate

(siblings to leave from the same gate together)



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Personal Hygiene at School

- All students will be regularly reminded of correct hand hygiene during school hours, including infographics and posters on display throughout the school.
- Children will be washing and sanitising upon entering the classroom and before & after break times.
- Each classroom is fitted with hand sanitiser, soap and paper towel.
- Please ensure your child/ren bring their own water bottle to school.
- Sharing of food is not permitted.



Student Wellbeing

- If your child has any flu like symptoms, they are to remain at home and get a covid-19 test.
- A negative result will need to be emailed through to the school before your child returns.
- Students are expected to stay away from school or be collected by a parent/carer should they become unwell during the day. Please make sure you have a plan B regarding emergency pick up.
- The sick bay will be placed outside the office to segregate the students.



Mask wearing for students and staff

Masks are required to be worn on the school site by staff indoors and are strongly encouraged outdoors (*as per the updated announcement on 15/10/21*).

We are also strongly recommend for students to wear masks indoors and outdoors unless exercising or eating.

We strongly recommend that masks are worn on all public transport to and from school.

A small supply of masks will be available on site for students and approved visitors who may require one.



Fitting a mask on a younger child

Tips on wearing a mask



Children can wear small cloth or surgical masks when leaving home, including going to school



You can remove your mask when eating or exercising



Try not to touch your face while wearing your mask

Use a clean mask every day. Do not reuse single-use masks



Wash and dry reusable masks after use and store in a clean, dry place

Wash or sanitise your hands before putting on or taking off your mask



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While masks are not required in the Public Health Order for our primary students, they are strongly recommended by NSW Health. This is an important layer of protection for our staff – particularly while younger students are not yet vaccinated.

Please send your child with a mask and a spare in their bag.

We have an infographic from NSW Health on how to fit a mask properly – please have this conversation with your child.



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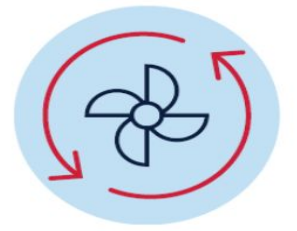
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Environment Cleaning

- Standard daily cleans, as well as the cleaning of high touch areas occurs within the school and classroom environments.
- Toilet blocks will be cleaned regularly throughout the day which includes the replenishing of soap and paper towel.
- Bubblers - bubblers will be remain closed, due to hygiene concerns. Please ensure your child has a drink bottle.



Ventilation



Having open or well-ventilated spaces reduces the risk of transmission of COVID-19 because infectious particles are more quickly diffused in the open air.

The school will have the following ventilation measures in place to improve ventilation in indoor settings:

- Open windows and doors.
- The use of air conditioners and ceiling fans will assist in the circulation of fresh air.
- Regularly inspect, maintain and clean heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems.
- Outdoor learning spaces will be optimised by teachers.



School Activities

During Term 4 many school-based activities will remain on hold until NSW Health advise otherwise.

This includes large celebrations like assemblies, presentation days and graduations, arts and sports events.

All PE & Sport lessons will continue in class cohorts with modifications.

Band will continue online (other than String Ensemble).

If NSW Health advice changes, then we will let you know about changes as soon as possible.



Activities that are not permitted or on hold under 3+ restrictions

- Singing, chanting, group repetition and choirs
- Bands and ensembles (online only)
- Interschool activities and events including PSSA, interschool sport, gala days, trials, knock outs and carnivals
- Scripture and Ethics classes
- Assemblies
- School performances, productions, concerts, speech nights and award presentations
- Excursions, camps and field trips.
- Local community student visits
- Community events such as fetes, open days
- P&C activities, including meetings (unless held online).
No Creative Workshops
- All external providers and specialist programs are not permitted on site.



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Orientation

Onsite orientations and transition programs are not currently allowed in person on school sites until we are advised differently by NSW Health.

We'll share more information in the coming weeks about our school's virtual orientation and transition program.



Assessment and Reporting

You will receive your child's Semester 2 report by the end of the year. This will be a simplified version of the report you normally receive. Similar to the Semester 1, 2020 report.



Further Information

All of our students are expected to be back at school for their staggered return dates.

Parents and students will be notified if a decision is made to close the school due to a confirmed case of COVID-19. During this time we will continue to provide learning from home activities and we will let you know when we can return to face-to-face learning.

Find updated information on the department's Advice for families page to support students who are anxious about the return to school – or get in touch with us directly.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families>

Please email Lindfield East Public School if you have any further questions
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Questions

