



Dear Families,

As promised, I am writing with additional information about the return of students to our school. First, a reminder about the dates for our phased return.

Commencing 25 October (Week 4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preschool and Kindergarten • Years 1 and 2 • Year 6 • Out of school hours care (OSHC)
Commencing 1 November (Week 5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Years 3, 4 and 5
<i>During weeks 1-4, onsite supervision and care continues to be available for vulnerable children and young people whose parents are essential workers.</i>	




Drawing on national and local health advice we have developed a return to school plan which has three key priorities:


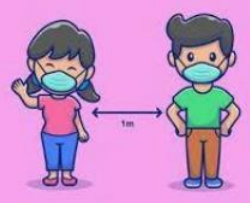


- the health and safety of staff and young people,
- the mental and emotional well-being of students and staff, and
- ensuring continuity of learning.

Below is an outline of [ACT Health Guidelines](#) that schools are required to implement to ensure effective COVID-19 measures are in place.





Please click the link below to see

CWSC [COVID Safe Assurance Plan](#)

<p>Use of Check in CBR app</p> 	<p>All staff and visitors must check in using the 'Check in CBR' app. Parents and carers cannot enter school grounds except for an essential reason. Visitors must call to make an appointment, or in advance of attendance. All visitors must report to the front office.</p> <p>Please click the link below to see CWSC COVID Safe Assurance Plan</p>
<p>Student illness</p> 	<p>Staff and students who are unwell are not able to attend school. Students who present unwell will be required to go home.</p> <p>Please click the link below to see CWSC COVID Safe Assurance Plan</p>
<p>Hygiene</p> 	<p>Schools will maintain and promote appropriate hand hygiene and respiratory hygiene practices. Students will need to wash hands and use hand sanitisers throughout the day. Students will not be allowed to share food or drink.</p> <p>Please click the link below to see CWSC COVID Safe Assurance Plan</p>

<p>Masks</p> 	<p>Students in years 3-6 are encouraged to wear a mask if they are comfortable doing so. Students in Preschool to year 2 are not required to wear a mask. Masks may not be suitable for students with a disability or medical condition and schools will make allowances for those students not to wear masks.</p> <p><i>* Students will be required to wear their personal masks. Masks will be available at school for those who require them. Disposable masks need to be changed every four hours.</i></p> <p>Please click the link below to see CWSC COVID Safe Assurance Plan</p>
<p>Physical Distancing</p> 	<p>Physical distancing between children and young people is not always possible, particularly in single classrooms and school environments. It is however important for limiting the transmission of COVID 19. To promote physical distancing, we may adjust learning programs, breaktimes, our timetable as well as pick up and drop off arrangements. More specific information about what this means for your child is included below.</p> <p>Please click the link below to see CWSC's Cohorting Plan</p>
<p>Environmental cleaning</p> 	<p>Our school cleaning program includes regular cleaning of high touch services, frequently used objects, and play equipment.</p> <p>Please click the link below to see CWSC COVID Safe Assurance Plan</p>
<p>Ventilation</p> 	<p>All schools have been assessed to ensure fresh air circulation and appropriate ventilation. Charles Weston School is fortunate to have a HVAC system which meets ventilation requirements. Our staff will also maximise the use of outdoor learning spaces.</p> <p>Please click the link below to see CWSC COVID Safe Assurance Plan</p>
<p>Managing suspected cases</p>	<p>We are prepared to respond to a positive COVID-19 case on campus, should the need arise. ACT Health will provide direction to the school and community, which may result in a full or partial school closure. A student who presents with symptoms of COVID-19 will be isolated with suitable supervision, and parents will be required to collect their child. Symptomatic students will be required to wear a mask.</p>
<p>Will schools have routine testing for COVID-19?</p>	<p>Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms should get tested immediately. ACT Health is not recommending routine COVID-19 testing of children, young people or staff using rapid antigen testing.</p>
<p>Wellbeing supports</p>	<p>Wellbeing and learning supports, such as face to face appointments with the school psychologist or access to a Learning Support Assistant, will recommence with the return to school.</p> <p>For parents and carers of students with a medical vulnerability: if you wish the school to make reasonable adjustments for the safe return of your child, you must consult a GP (General Practitioner) and provide medical advice to that effect. Where adjustments cannot be made, the school will support your child to learn from home.</p>

To further support the ACT Health Guidelines our school is making the following adjustments.

<p>Drop off and pick up</p> 	<p>To limit unnecessary contact between community members and comply with physical distancing mandates by ACT Health, CWSC has implemented planned drop off and pick up arrangements.</p> <p>Key Messages</p> <p><u>Preschool:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drop off and pick up will occur at the regular gate via the small carpark off Madgwick street. Please queue on marked spots for handover of children. <p><u>K-6:</u></p> <p>Drop off</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students are to be dropped off in the drop and go zone at the main carpark and walk into school via the front gate and straight to class. Students riding to school can enter via the bike rack gate next to the bus stop on Woodberry avenue. Students walking to school can enter via the main entrance or the bike rack gate and proceed to class. <p>Pick up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each cohort will have their own exit gate. Adults remain in their cars for pick up where possible. Please encourage your child to walk to you independently. Our staff will be available to support students at each exit. Sibling groups are asked to meet at the grassed area near the bike rack. They will then exit together onto Woodberry Ave and walk home or proceed to the main carpark for collection. Families may need to go to multiple pick-up zones if they have multi-aged children. Please collect youngest children first. <p>Please click the link below to see our plan CWSC's detailed Drop Off and Pick Up Plan</p> <p> A video will be shared with families in our week 3 newsletter and on our website illustrating the pick-up and drop off routines.</p>
<p>Hygiene routines</p> 	<p>All teachers will have hand sanitiser and cleaning products, these will be made available to students at the beginning and end of each lesson. Teachers will remind students of hygiene routines and there will be visual reminders throughout the school in the form of signage throughout the school. Students are encouraged to bring their own hand sanitiser too.</p> <p>Please click the link below to see CWSC's detailed COVID Safe Assurance Plan</p>
<p>Teaching and learning</p> 	<p>When returning to onsite learning our staff will have a focus on student wellbeing, rebuilding relationships and increasing stamina for on task activities. We will revise Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) routines and expectations to support students.</p> <p>Our Specialists and Learning Resource Teachers will join specific cohort bubbles and remain in the allocated building to further aid in physical distancing. As a result, Specialists programs will be modified, to allow these teachers to contribute to the wellbeing and learning needs of students when returning to school.</p>

Our Student Achievement Team will continue to prioritise support for students with a disability and learning difficulties, ensuring they can participate in learning safely and access student support services when required. We have a plan in place to work directly with these students and their families.



We will return to our usual Seesaw platform to communicate learning. Our Schoolzine newsletter will continue in weeks 3,6,9.



Students who have borrowed devices will be allowed continued use. It is the child's responsibility to bring it to school fully charged each day and take it home each afternoon. This will ensure students have continued access to learning should another lockdown occur.



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Break times



Breaks	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Preschool	Preschool Playground				
K-2	Zone 1 (equipment, handball courts, structured play, sandpit, grassed area)				
	Year 1-2 Library	Kindy Oval		Kindy Library	Year 1-2 Oval
3-6	Zone 2 (equipment, basketball & handball courts, structured play, grassed area)				
	Year 5-6 Oval	Year 3-4 Library		Year 3-4 Oval	Year 5-6 Library

Cohort staff will do break time supervision with their students. Students will be asked to wash or sanitise their hands on entry/exit from playgrounds and library.



Eating: Students will continue to have supervised eating time after break in their classroom.



Drinking: All bubblers will be closed. Students are required to bring water bottles clearly labelled with their names.



Hats: If the UV is above 3 we are SunSmart. Please ensure your child has a sun smart hat and sun cream for school each day.

Before & After School Care



Communities@Work will continue to run Before and After School Care programs. Drop off and collection will continue as normal with families signing students in/out at the preschool gate or at the hall entrance for students K-6.

School canteen



- Our canteen will re-open from week 5 (Wed 3 Nov).
- Only Break 1 lunch orders purchased through Flexischools will be available.
- Lunches will be delivered to buildings in a class basket.
- No over the counter sales.

We will continue to review and adjust these measures based on the most up to date advice from ACT Health.

Remember, all adults and children aged 12 years and above are eligible for vaccination. If your child is eligible but not yet vaccinated, we encourage you to book them in by calling the COVID-19 vaccination line on 5124 7700 daily between 7am-7pm. Bookings can also be made with some [GP clinics and pharmacies](#).

We understand that there has been considerable change and uncertainty for our students during the pandemic, and as we transition back to school. I'd remind you that you and your child can book an appointment with our Telehealth Support Service on 02 6205 1559 between 9.00am and 4.30pm weekdays. With the return to school, your child will also be able to organise face to face sessions with the school psychologist or Youth Worker.

For more information about the return to schools, I'd recommend visiting [the Education Directorate's website](#).

You can keep up to date with the latest health information, advice and resources on the [ACT's COVID-19 website](#).

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and understanding as we return to face-to-face schooling.

We look forward to seeing all our students back at school.

Kind regards,

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