



Dear families,

With just 3 weeks of kindy left for the year 2021 sure has flown by! We have been really busy the last few weeks with lots of behind the scenes things happening. This includes -

- Our teacher have been writing the children's statements of learning. With 68 children this year this has been a huge undertaking. Please see below for more information.
- We nearly 20 visits from teachers from your children's schools as part of our transition to school support.
- Our staff have accompanied 4 children on supported school visits.
- Monica & I have completed a National Quality Standard Site Self Review and our staff provided more input to this at our Site Closure Day on Thursday.
- Our closure day also enabled us to review our 2021 QIP (Quality Improvement Plan) and write our plan for 2022.

### Covid-19 update

Following the announcement last week from the SA Health and Department for Education we will continue to implement a range of covid safety practices. Including -

- Only ONE parent per family on site.
- Parent **MUST** Covid check-in at the gate in the morning and afternoon.
- Parent **MUST** wear a properly fitted mask whilst on site.
- Parent **MAY NOT** enter the kindy building but can wait outside and enter under the veranda (max 4 parents at any one time).
- Parents are asked to keep 1.5 metres from others and move off site quickly once dropping or collecting their child.

**Please note** the centre is well ventilated, we have mid-day Covid clean, the children are encouraged to do regular hand washing and outside play is encouraged. If your child is unwell please take them for a Covid test before they return to preschool.

### Statements of Learning

Monica, Jess and I have completed all the children's SOL and will be handing these out to parents this week. Please read, sign and return the SOL to us so that we can make a copy to send to your child's school. If you have any questions about the SOL please speak to us.



### Paint the Westside REaD

During November all of the preschool and children's centre in our partnership are celebrating **Lizzie's 4th birthday**.

We will be celebrating with a party afternoon for each group this week! Following the birthday celebrations the cards made for Lizzie by

all the kindy's will be on display at the Woodville Library. You might like to stop by to have a look and borrow some books for the school holidays.

## End of Year Celebrations

**Group 1- Tuesday, December 7**

**Group 2 - Thursday, December 9**

Our last day of kindy for the year is a very special occasion when we celebrate the year and say farewell.



We will be having a performance and eating lunch all together.

Please pack children's lunch as normal on this day.

Parents need to arrive at **12 noon** for our final very special group time. We will sing some favourite songs then farewell the children in small groups. Each child will be presented their work portfolio to take home. At the end of the presentations you are invited to chat with staff and say goodbye.

**COVID Restrictions mean we can welcome only one parent per family to our end of year performance.**

**Kindy will finish at 1:00pm**

### Library Borrowing

Library borrowing is now finished for the year and we need everyone to return their books to kindy. All of our borrowing books have a yellow sticker on the front cover with a number written inside them. We hope that you will keep using your child's library bag for borrowing at school or local public library.



**To all the parents who came on our excursion. We can't do excursions without your help and we are very grateful for your support.**



# SOUTH AUSTRALIAN COVID-19 FORWARD PLAN FOR EDUCATION 2021: SCHOOLS AND PRESCHOOLS



## FROM 23 NOVEMBER UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

GUIDING PRINCIPLE(S): Managing risks associated with the virus entering school/preschool populations.

**It's important to remember that no one measure can minimise spread of the virus. Each risk mitigation forms a layer of protection and minimises likelihood of spread.**

### DELIVERY MODE

- Face-to-face learning and care to continue for all students with COVID safe measures. Vulnerable students with health risks should seek medical advice and work with the school or preschool.
- All staff **working onsite**, unless they have agreed (case-by-case) management plans with their site leader.
- Schools and preschools remain **open unless directed to close** due to a confirmed case or in the event of significant outbreak:
  - The Department for Education will have a **central contact tracing team** to work with SA Health in managing contact tracing for confirmed cases in our sites.
  - If a **confirmed case(s)** is identified existing **closure and cleaning protocols** apply.
  - If SA Health identify a significant **regional/localised outbreak**, the department will advise when to activate remote learning. All schools and preschools will remain open with skeleton staff for students that need to attend.
- **Critical activities** that will continue in the event of a regional/localised outbreak include essential construction works and vaccine rollout in schools.

### NO ACTION NEEDED

- Do not commit to purchasing air purifiers or other ventilation devices until our audit is complete.
- Do not purchase Rapid Antigen Test kits as they are not yet approved in South Australia.

### COVID SAFE MEASURES

- **Vaccination:**
  - all eligible students (aged 12+) **strongly encouraged** to be fully vaccinated
  - all staff, governing council members and employees, contractors and volunteers must receive **at least 1 dose of a TGA approved COVID-19 vaccine by 10 December 2021**
  - all employees update their **vaccination status** on EK.
- **Masks optional indoors** for all staff on site and students in secondary settings until SA Health requirement to reinstate masks in response to transmission risk. Masks recommended for all adult visitors to site.
- Maximise natural **ventilation** by leaving doors/windows open, continue to use air-conditioning (set to fresh air intake where available) and fans, including with doors and windows open, use outdoor learning spaces where appropriate.
- Maintain **good hygiene practices**, including hand washing, sanitiser availability/use.
- If **unwell** students and staff must stay home, regardless of vaccination status or test outcome.
- Additional **daily clean** will continue for the remainder of the term.
- All staff and visitors are required to **COVID-Safe check in** when entering a building.
- **Physical distancing** of 1.5 metres between adults where possible.
- **Visitors** including parents and volunteers allowed on site as long as COVID safe measures are in place and followed.

### SITE OPERATIONS

- **EVENTS**
  - Events can be held (on site and at other venues) providing all COVID safe requirements are in place and followed - ie. physical distancing, QR check in, face masks for audience members when indoors, sanitiser/hygiene, attendees encouraged to stay home if unwell. Have contingency plans in place and be prepared to postpone or cancel if health settings change.

### ACTIVITIES

- Interstate travel/camps are not recommended. Critical trips with appropriate planning can be discussed by site leaders with Education Directors with approval subject to a thorough risk assessment, case by case.
- Interstate excursions/camps can continue, subject to appropriate contingency planning and assessment of COVID-19 risks.

### EARLY CHILDHOOD SETTINGS

Please refer to the **South Australian COVID-19 Forward Plan for Education 2021: Early Childhood Services**

### CONTACT

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