



21 January 2022

## ARRANGEMENTS AND INFORMATION

### Start of School at Allenby Gardens Primary School

Dear Allenby Gardens Primary School Families,

We take our responsibilities to all our students and staff very seriously. Thank you for understanding that all of us are doing our best to work within Department for Education and Department for Health guidelines that we must follow. We appreciate your ongoing support as we work through the hybrid model for the start of the school year. Thank you for reading this information carefully and following the directions.

#### **Please read any section below that may be applicable to your situation.**

In order to comply with current directions, we cannot have adults entering the Front Office (or any building) without an appointment. Please contact the school via e-mail or ring the school - [dl.0473.info@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.0473.info@schools.sa.edu.au) or 8346 1541, to make an appointment.

Primary point of contact needs to be via phone, email or Seesaw. Should you need to enter the school grounds, please contact the school and wait outside until you have spoken to someone before coming in. Once arriving you will need to check-in using our QR code, wear a mask and maintain social distancing. This meets the COVID safety measures and expectations provided by SA Health and our department.

The information below is current as at 21<sup>st</sup> January. Some of it may be superseded if Department instructions to schools subsequently change.

### **Preparation Days (31<sup>st</sup> January and 1<sup>st</sup> February)**

These days will be used by our staff to prepare for remote learning and the change to the start of Term 1. If you are required to work and do not have appropriate supervision for your child, you can choose to send them to school to be supervised by school staff on these days. Please drop off and pick up your child/ren from Knight Street kiss and drop/gate on these days. Students will be meeting in the gym and taken to their learning area. No formal learning programs will be provided on these two days.

### **Reception Students**

Teddy Bears Picnic – Unfortunately this event for students and families that was to take place on January 28<sup>th</sup> has had to be cancelled.

## Preschool, Reception and Year 1 Students

### Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – First day of face-to-face learning.

One adult (only) and siblings younger than 5 years of age may accompany each student into the school grounds. Any additional adults or school-aged siblings would need to wait outside the school perimeter. Please bring your child/ren into the Junior Primary yard, and at 8:45am teachers will assist with students finding their way into their classroom. Use any of the three entrances to access the school grounds. Parents are unable to come into the Junior Primary building. In exceptional circumstances, where a child is particularly unsettled on the first day, staff will assist the parent on a case-by-case basis.

At 3:05pm teachers will bring students out again to the Junior Primary yard to meet you. Again, we ask that only one adult per child meet your Preschool / Reception / Year 1 child.

Preschool children can be taken directly to the preschool gate at 8:45 am. Parents will need to use the Preschool QR code if they wish to enter the preschool yard. There will be no access to the preschool building for parents. Preschool children can be picked up from the preschool at 3:00pm.

If you would like to take your own **“first day of school”** photo that involves school-aged siblings or additional adults, please do so outside the school perimeter. There are some Allenby Gardens PS signs along the Barham Street / Knight Street / Bridge Street fence line you might find appropriate.

If you choose to keep your child at home, or if they are required to isolate, a school-based remote learning program will not be offered.

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February – Same arrangements as the above.

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February onwards – Same arrangements as above. Please be aware that the Year 2-6 students will be back at school on this day, meaning that car parking and the school yard will be much more crowded before and after school.

## Year 2 – 6 students

**No adults may come onto the school site at all**, with the exception of “new to Allenby Gardens PS” families or people with pre-existing appointments.

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – First day of remote learning. More information about remote learning will be sent to families on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January.

Term 1 Week 3 Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February onwards – First day of face-to-face learning. Teachers will dismiss students from classrooms at 3:05pm in the normal way. Please pre-arrange with your child(ren) a meeting place that is outside the school perimeter so that you can meet your child safely at the end of each school day.

## Families of Year 2-6 students who are essential workers

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – If you are required to attend your workplace and do not have any other appropriate supervision for your children, they can come to school. We will supervise them as they complete their remote learning program. The supervision will be provided by a range of teachers that your child may be working with during 2022, not necessarily their own teacher.

Students should make their way to the gym, once being dropped off via Knight Street. Students can be collected from Knight Street at the end of the school day.

## OSHC

OSHC service every weekday as always. Please contact OSHC on 0423 475 593 or Seesaw.

Yours sincerely,

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***The Allenby Gardens Primary School Leadership Team***

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