

# RALEIGH PUBLIC SCHOOL



**Nurturing Children in an Innovative and Creative Environment**

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I am very excited to be back at school and would like to thank everyone for their well wishes while I have been recovering. I would like to thank all of the staff for their flexibility and support of our students, as we again have been placed into a State wide lockdown and learning from home. A huge thank you to Ms Bernadette Driscoll who has taken on the relieving principal role. She has done an excellent job of organising staff rosters for minimum supervision and ensuring that all of our students are receiving the support they need while learning from home.

Below is the link to the Advice for Families from the Department of Education (DoE) and attached to the newsletter is an updated letter with information from the DoE in regards to learning from home. We hope to receive further information about what will be happening next week, later in the week.

[Advice for families](https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families?deliveryName=DM18546) (<https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families?deliveryName=DM18546>)

Tips for Learning for Home and setting up a routine:

- Set up a space to complete school work as free from distractions as possible.
- Wake up, get dressed and have breakfast at the normal time.
- List regular times for learning, exercise and breaks.
  - K-2 might do 20-30mins for school work and then a 5-10 minute physical activity.
  - 3-6 may be able to focus for longer stretches, taking breaks between subjects.
  - Include your hours as well, so children know when you are working
- Schedule times for nutritious lunches and snacks.
- Plan something fun to do together when all of the school work is complete eg do some cooking, go for a walk, play a game together.
- Stick to normal bedtime routines during the week, to make sure everyone gets enough sleep.
- Remember that you are parents and are supporting learning and should not need to teach. If the work is too difficult, please contact your child's teacher.





**Kindergarten for 2022**  
 If you know of anyone who might be interested in attending Raleigh in 2022, please pass on our contact details so that they can find out more.

Are you looking for a friendly, nurturing environment for your child's future schooling? Then Raleigh Public might be what you have been looking for!

**Small Schools are Great!**

**START for Kindergarten 2022**

We offer:

- Small class sizes with individualised learning
- Beautiful school grounds with chickens, veggie garden, orchard and The Big Tree
- Whole school cooking once a fortnight
- Strong Sustainability focus

Postponed until further notice



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**Please contact us to reserve your place!**  
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Regards  
 Katrina Meenahan

**September Birthdays**

We would like to wish Jamie, Indi, Sophia, Wyatt and Cienne a very happy birthday. Hope you all have fun.

*"Today is not finished till tomorrow commences."*  
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Dear Parent / Carer,

Currently the clear message from NSW Health is that families should be keeping children at home unless it is absolutely necessary for them to attend school.

Looking ahead, on Friday 27 August 2021 the Premier announced the return to school roadmap for students in NSW. Students will return to face-to-face learning either through a 'staged return' or 'full return', depending on NSW Health conditions in their area.

### **Full return (Level 3)**

Areas across NSW that are removed from stay-at-home rules will return to school under Level 3 settings. This is a full return for all students to schools, with reduced mingling and on-site activities.

### **Staged return (Level 3 plus)**

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 staged way. This is a staggered return for prioritised cohorts, with no mingling or on-site activities.

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](#).

### **Vaccinations for school staff**

To ensure a COVID-safe return to school, all NSW public school and preschool staff on-site to support the staged return of students will be required to be fully vaccinated. Any contractors, volunteers or people on site who require a Working With Children Check will also be required to have 2 doses of vaccination before returning to our school.

Our staff have been encouraged to make use of the various routes for priority vaccination available to them and to book appointments for whatever vaccine is available as soon as possible. We will continue to work with NSW Health to prioritise vaccinations for all staff across NSW.

All NSW school and preschool staff will be required to be fully vaccinated by 8 November.

The department's [COVID-19 webpage](#) is constantly being updated, and outlines the restrictions in our schools as well as other useful information and resources to keep you up to date and supported.

### **Learning from Home**

The [learning from home page](#) has a wide range of curriculum-based activities to further supplement your child's learning, if required.

We understand the pressures of parents both supervising learning from home as well as completing their own work. There are some helpful [wellbeing tools](#) available to help look after yourself and those around you. Parents are the best judge of what is appropriate for your child to be doing at home. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me or your child's teacher if you need further guidance or something is not working for you.

Kind Regards

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