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Dear Calwell Families,

We are really looking forward to welcoming our students back next week, starting with Preschool to Year 2. As you are aware there will be some changes to the way we operate to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 when we return to classroom learning. There will be a big change to the way we are used to interacting with our school community as physical distancing measures will be in place for all adults in schools.

The ACT Chief Health Officer has advised that ACT Schools should limit the gathering of adults on school sites and that schools will need to ensure that adults keep to the guidelines of maintaining 1.5 metres distance when outdoors and no more than one adult per four square metres in an indoor space (for example in classrooms).

### Communication with Teachers

In order to limit the number of adults on site, we encourage you to contact us via email or telephone where possible. If a face-to-face meeting is required, we ask you phone the office on 6142 1900 to book a time so that physical distancing can be planned.

### Returning School Devices

Please ensure that your child/ren bring any device (iPad, Chromebook) they have had on loan from the school on the **first day they return to class**. It would be appreciated if you could put the device and any cords or chargers **in an old shopping bag** as this will enable us to quickly collect all items and check off returned devices to have them ready for use in classrooms as soon as possible.

### Weekly Calls to Families

To enable Years 3-6 teachers to support younger students at drop-off and pick-up time next week, check-in calls to Yr. 3-6 families will no longer be made. We thank you for your understanding.

### Key Messages:

- Entering the school grounds by car - after entering the school grounds through the gate on Downard Street, **ALL cars are to remain in single file as they move through the car park and past the front of the school. PLEASE BE PATIENT**
- Where possible, parents/carers are encouraged to **drop their child/ren off in front of the school hall**, without an adult needing to leave the vehicle. Staff will be available to support this process. **No student is to leave a car in the carpark area UNLESS the car is parked in a designated car space and they are accompanied by an adult.** Please use the zebra crossing in the carpark to make your way to the blacktop.
- With the exception of the Front office area, **ONLY** adults working in the school can enter school buildings. Regrettably no volunteers, including parent/carers helping with reading, will be able to work in classrooms/school buildings until the current restrictions are lifted.
- New procedures are also in place in Talbingo - the space from which Camp Australia operates the Before & After School Care Program. Family members dropping off or collecting students are only permitted on the veranda.
- When students return to the classroom, it is important we are vigilant about health and hygiene. This means if your child has any kind of illness, even if it is just a runny nose, they must not come to school. If your child comes to school unwell, you will be asked to collect them. We will be stricter in implementing these rules than you are perhaps used to, but it is for the health and safety of everyone.

Your support and cooperation in following the new procedures in place are essential if we are to keep all members of the school community safe and well.

*Linda*

Linda Neeson  
Principal