



Dear parents/carers

While I am unable to share vaccination information about our teachers, please be assured that the ACT Chief Health Officer has issued a health direction requiring all workers in ACT schools that cater for children under 12 years of age to provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination to their employer.

Staff who work in specific school settings in the ACT are required to have their first vaccination dose by 1 November 2021, and a second dose by 29 November 2021. All school staff can continue normal duties while their vaccination status is collected prior to 1 November 2021.

Any of our staff who choose not to be vaccinated will be unable to continue their duties at the school while the health direction is in place (unless they have a medical exemption from the ACT Chief Health Officer).

Vaccination coverage is a key component of the return to school plan for all ACT public schools. High levels of vaccination combined with public health social measures are the best protections against COVID-19.

Vaccinations are just one in a suite of measures being introduced by ACT public schools to minimise transmission of COVID-19. Masks, hand hygiene, improving ventilation, using the Check In app, physical distancing and minimising contact between different groups of students are just some of the other measures being introduced by our hard-working education staff to make sure term 4 is as safe as possible for everyone in our school community.

ACT school-based staff already have very high vaccination rates. When we surveyed public school teachers and staff, approximately 97 per cent of people who responded were already on track to be fully vaccinated.

Yours sincerely

Principal  
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