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Dear Fearless Fadden Families

Well, the excitement is palpable as we look forward to welcoming the majority of our staff and students back to school on Monday.

- **Preschool, Kindergarten, Year 1, 2 and year 6 on Monday 25 October**
- **Years 3, 4 and 5 on Monday 1 November**

I hope everyone has had the opportunity to read through the Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures that were sent home yesterday, along with a social story for each of the age groups. I have attached the Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures here again, just in case some families may have missed them.

Today we have been provided with our **Fadden Indoor Air Quality Plan** which will require our classroom teachers to open their windows and doors. Whilst this will improve air circulation and ventilation, this may also make our classrooms cold in the mornings over the next couple of weeks, therefore I encourage all students coming into school to bring a jumper or jacket, as we are unable to close doors or windows to help with temperature control.

The Fadden Indoor Air Quality Plan can also be found on our website under the COVID-19 safety at our school tab. https://www.faddenps.act.edu.au/COVID-19_safety_at_our_school

Last night I had the pleasure of working with the Fadden Primary School Board at our regular meeting. Our parent representatives asked me for information regarding what would happen if there was a COVID-19 case at school. Below is information provided by the ACT Education Directorate which outlines the steps that would be taken.

If a case is confirmed at a school the following will happen:

- If a staff member, child, young person, or family member is diagnosed with COVID-19, ACT Health will provide direction on further management, which may result in full or partial school closure while site cleaning and contact tracing is undertaken
- ACT Health have comprehensive processes in place to support contact tracing for anyone who tests positive for COVID-19. Use of the Check in CBR app is particularly important. Schools will assist by providing information like timetables, site maps, and rosters if a case is connected to a school.
- If a school is identified as an exposure site, a Directorate response team will assist the school with its response. This includes providing communications to families on testing and quarantine requirements, access to additional supports and information, and supporting remote learning for students during quarantine.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents and teachers who have worked tirelessly over the last 2 months to deliver quality education and care to our students, during a difficult time. Below are some lovely posters from the Australian Childhood Foundation that provide you with the thanks in such beautiful way.

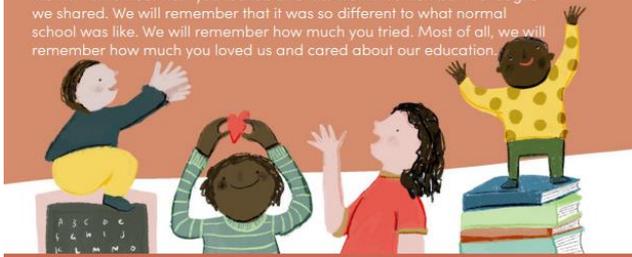


*A Thank You to all
Parents and Carers
who became Teachers
in the time of COVID from our children*

On behalf of all of us, we wanted to say a big thank you for all that you have done and are doing for us during the COVID-19 emergency.

- Thank you for taking on yet another role in your life at very short notice.
- Thank you for installing a school in your home.
- Thank you for persisting with online classroom applications and programs.
- Thank you for listening and being encouraging when school work felt too hard.
- Thank you for offering to find out the answers together.
- Thank you for sharing motivation when the days felt so long.
- Thank you for balancing this on top of so much that has changed for you.
- Thank you for the hot meals and the full fridge at lunch time.
- Thank you for bringing some fun to home-school.
- Thank you for reading books together and sharing ideas about them.
- Thank you for the late nights that you are working to fit everything in.
- Thank you for continuing to try.
- Thank you for turning up every day.
- Thank you for not giving up.
- Thank you for being a teacher to us not just now, but throughout our lives.

Years from now, we probably won't remember much of what you said or tried to teach us. But we will remember that you were there, beside us, day after day. We will remember how you looked after us. We will remember the laughs we shared. We will remember that it was so different to what normal school was like. We will remember how much you tried. Most of all, we will remember how much you loved us and cared about our education.



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- Thank you for so quickly adapting to new ways of teaching and learning.
- Thank you for finding a space for your classrooms at home.
- Thank you for all the care and thought you have put into helping us to learn from home.
- Thank you for staring at a screen for work for far more hours than you should have.
- Thank you for helping us to feel secure when everything around us was changing.
- Thank you for continuing to show up every day.
- Thank you for being a reliable and safe person to all of us.
- Thank you for your encouraging feedback and comments. They mean a lot in case you didn't know.
- Thank you for working on your days off.
- Thank you for your check ins with parents and carers. They understand much more about how important your job is now.
- Thank you for knowing what each one of us needed from you.
- Thank you for showing us even more how much our school cares about us.
- Thank you for trying to make online lessons fun.
- Thank you for all of those late nights and early mornings.
- Thank you for putting us first.
- Thank you for being so committed to making sure we keep in touch with our learning.

Years from now, we will remember how you cared for us during this time. We will remember how you were always there even when the whole world felt like it turned upside down. We will remember how important we were to you. We will know that we can trust people in our lives to help us when we need it.



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The [Australian Childhood Foundation](https://www.childhood.org.au) webpage also has a variety of resources such as social stories, books, and posters to support families and children to navigate and manage some of the fear, worry, and anxiety as a result of the Coronavirus crisis.

Last but not least I leave you with a few photos from our Kindergarten KBP class who dressed up on their Meet last Friday for their 'Into the Garden' Inquiry topic.



Enjoy your weekend of freedom and shopping.

Jo Jefferson
Principal