



ALDRICH BAY CAMPUS FOUNDATION A

Welcome Back to the Foundation Group at IMS!

We hope you had a lovely summer, and we are looking forward to seeing everyone back next week as we begin a new year together! In preparation, we thought it would be helpful to send you a recap of the critical information you need to start off the year. Please find below, as a friendly reminder, the important dates and information to assist your child's transition to our environment.

Also, in preparation for returning back to IMS, please find a number of **IMPORTANT** documents for your attention, please click onto the link to download and view each document.

- [Foundation Orientation Booklet 2022-2023](#)
- [Parent Handbook 2022-2023](#)
- [AB Foundation Campus Logistics 2022-2023](#)
- [Foundation Groups Checklist](#)
- [Foundation Groups School Calendar 2022-2023](#)
- [Weather Warnings and School Closure](#)

* Please refer to Engage Parent Portal for the latest version of these documents.

NOTES FOR STARTING BACK TO SCHOOL

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Given the continuing restrictions in place for gatherings, we have reviewed our calendar to ensure that school events can continue as close to normal as possible, while satisfying social distancing. This will be the theme throughout the year, and so please keep an eye out for updates to the calendar from time to time. For the latest version, please visit [School Calendar 2022-23](#).

COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS

As part of our Covid-19 protocols, the following are the most important steps to take before school starts. Please read these carefully, and also review our [Health and Safety Protocols](#) for a complete set of our Covid measures. We thank you for helping keep our community healthy and safe.

1. Please complete the [Student Health Declaration and Vaccination Form](#) *for each child* by 5pm on Friday, **19 August 2022**. If you answer "YES" to any of the questions on the declaration, please refrain from



sending your child to school, and contact us by phone to provide more details. In this form we are also asking everyone to once again **provide details of your child's vaccination status, and upload the latest vaccination record** where applicable so please have it at hand. You must have completed this form prior to your child's first day.

For Accompanying Adults who do not live in the child's household, please submit a [**Visitor Health Declaration Form**](#).

2. Please have your child and accompanying adult complete a **Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) every morning** before coming to school, and if the result is positive, keep your child at home and contact us. If your child has any symptoms of Covid or is feeling unwell or lethargic, please also refrain from coming to school.
3. Please print out this [**Daily Temperature and RAT Form**](#). In the form, **you must do the following daily**:
 - Fill in your child's temperature before you leave home
 - Check that you are re-affirming the Health Declarations made in #1 above
 - Sign to confirm that your child has a negative result from the RAT for that day.

PLEASE NOTE THAT IF THE RAT CELL IS BLANK AND/OR THE FORM IS NOT SIGNED, YOUR CHILD CANNOT ENTER THE CAMPUS,

4. Please have your child come to school in a properly fitting mask, and prepare an extra one for their school bag. If your child refuses to wear a mask properly at school they will be unable to attend school.
5. The campus will open 10 minutes prior to your group time. Please line up where indicated along the school wall and avoid crowding the entrance. Please also note that due to Covid measures, all children should enter the campus with only one additional adult.
6. **Foundation Accompanying Adults must also have completed a negative daily RAT test and sign-in via the Leave Home Safe App with valid Vaccination Pass**, to come on campus. Accompanying adults should also check their temperature at the front desk, complete the visitor sign-in sheet, and obtain a visitor lanyard.
7. For any other adults coming to campus for special events such as orientation or volunteer activities, the Vaccination Pass Requirement continues to be in force, which means that adults will need to fulfil the Vaccination Pass Requirements using the Leave Home Safe App unless otherwise exempt, to enter the campus. (Pending any further changes from the government). Visitors will also need to declare that they have tested negative on RAT on the day of the visit.





FIRST DAY FOR RETURNING CHILDREN

Tuesday 23 August 2022 - First Day

Your child and **one adult caregiver** are invited to come in the classroom for **30 minutes** with 3 other families to gain familiarity with the environment. Your child's first day schedule will be from **9:30am - 10:00am**. We encourage you to help your child find their cubby, change into indoor shoes, and then take a quiet and slow walk around the environment with your child, and point out familiar objects.

Wednesday 24 August - Normal group hours commence for returning children, i.e. Foundation A - **8:00 - 10:00am**.

We ask parents/caregivers to separate as quickly as possible at the cubby area with a cheery goodbye and reassurance you will see them soon.

Separation anxiety is a natural part of the process after a long holiday. Please begin reminding your child that school starts soon, and that they will meet new friends! You may want to show your child a calendar, and count down the days. This supports their learning process, and adds to the anticipation of beginning school as an exciting event to look forward to. We also recommend that you begin having your child wake up at the appropriate time for school and have a good breakfast in the week before school starts so that you can establish a routine. As Dr. Montessori always said, have faith in the child! Please wait in the Ground Floor Lobby to minimise separation issues and help your child adjust back to the Foundation Group more easily. When your child is ready, we will help them prepare for home, and walk them back to you.

We look forward to seeing everyone back at school next week!

Warm Regards,

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