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Dear parent/caregiver,

On November 16, the Commissioner of Police, acting in his role as the State Coordinator responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, announced the Emergency Management (Education and Early Childhood Settings Vaccination) (COVID-19) Direction 2021.

Under this Direction, COVID-19 vaccinations will be mandatory for all people who work or volunteer at our school, except those who have a [medical exemption](#) endorsed by the Chief Public Health Officer.

This includes:

- All of our staff and contractors
- Anyone who visits our schools/preschool/children's centre for work purposes
- Our Governing Council members
- All volunteers and parent helpers (people who assist with reading, camps, excursions, canteen, fundraising etc).

Under this Direction, all of the above-mentioned people must receive at least 1 dose of a Therapeutic Goods Association (TGA) approved COVID-19 vaccination and a booking to receive a second dose by 11.59pm on 10 December 2021, which is the last day of term.

The Direction does not apply to students, parents dropping off or picking up children, attending parent teacher interviews, events or similar, as long as they are not working or volunteering at the event and COVID safe measures are followed. Please note that the COVID safe measures include social distancing and wearing of masks.

More information about the Direction is available on The Department for Education website: [education.sa.gov.au](http://education.sa.gov.au)

Our number one priority is providing a safe environment for our students and for our staff, and this new measure aims to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Regards,  
Steve Freeman  
*Principal*  
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