**School to Parents Communications Template:**

**Information pack from School to Parents/Guardians about**

**Reach AssessmentsTM**

This document contains templates to use when communicating with parents about your school using Reach.

Go to the preferred template, then copy and paste the text into your preferred communication channel to send to parents.

**Template 1: For schools only using Reach.**

**Template 2: For schools who previously used ICAS and have switched to using Reach this calendar year.**

**Template 3: For schools using both ICAS and Reach in the same calendar year.**

**Optional add-on template: Reach Permission Slip**

**Key to understanding the templates**

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| [red text in brackets] | Customise this text to suit your school |
| Black text | Copy this text into your communication letter/email to parents   |
| **Bold and underlined text** | This text, when clicked, will direct the reader to a page on the ICAS Assessments website. The URL for this page is also next to the text, in case you wish to give parents and guardians the whole URL.  When copying and pasting into a document that will be distributed: * in hard copy, we suggest showing the URL in full.
* electronically, please check to see if the existing hyperlink copies over to your document and, when clicked, opens the hyperlink in your internet browser.

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Find out more about Reach [**here**](https://www.icasassessments.com/products-reach) (<https://www.icasassessments.com/products-reach>)

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***Privacy Collection Statement***

*Janison is aware of our responsibility to protect the identity of, and all information relating to, children, and students in general, from disclosure and consequently Janison does not:*

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We believe the introduction of Reach Assessments will provide us with the most comprehensive view of student learning and will therefore replace the ICAS competition in our assessment strategy. Please be assured that the impact of this change will be minimal, and we will continue to receive the same benefits from Reach Assessments that we did from ICAS.

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We will continue to run ICAS Assessments in our school, in addition to Reach Assessments. Incorporating both types of assessments will allow us to receive independent benchmarking data and provide an opportunity to recognise and reward students’ academic achievements.

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**Optional add-on template: Reach Permission Slip**

**Reach Assessments Permission Slip – please return to**[staff member/location in the school] **by**[DD/MM/YY].

I give permission for my child, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, in year \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to participate in Reach AssessmentsTM.

*Please tick:*

 I have read and agree to the Janison Privacy Collection Statement.

Signed (Parent signature) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent name (*please print*) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_