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COVID-19 Update 7

Dear Parents and carers

I hope everyone is enjoying the school holidays and had a relaxing Easter without overdoing the chocolate eggs. This letter is to provide you with information about schooling for Term 2.

Today I participated in a livestream with the Secretary of Education Mark Scott, following the Premier's announcement this morning about a managed return to school. The Department of Education has developed a phased return for schools and families to follow to ensure the safety of all staff and students.

Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th April will be Staff Development Days. These days have been set down by the Department of Education to enable staff to plan for the term ahead and participate in professional learning. Students are not to attend on these days.

For the first two weeks, families are asked to keep children home if possible, where they will continue to be provided with materials to learn from home. Children who attend school will be supervised only and will not be in their regular class. The campus will remain closed for the time being and all classes will occur on the main site.

Please see the table right for more detailed information from the Department.

Staff will continue to contact you and/or your child each day from Wednesday 29th April to provide support, connection and mark attendance during Phase 0. Learning from home resources will be delivered to your home over the first two days of Term 2. I will include a letter to each family which will outline what day of the week your child/children will be attending from Week 3, beginning May 11th when we start Phase 1.

Wishing you all the best for the remainder of the holidays.

Kind regards
Melanie Meers
Principal
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NSW Department of Education

At all times

- Schools are safe places for students, teachers and staff.
- All students engage with a single unit of work.
- Keep up-to-date with your school's communications to make sure you receive important messages about timetable changes.
- Any identified cases of COVID-19 will continue to be managed in line with health advice, including temporary school closures where necessary.

Learning from home

Practical resources and guides to support students are available at the department's [Learning from home hub](#).

PHASE 0

Schools are open for families who need it.

- Families are encouraged to keep their children at home wherever possible, with no student to be turned away.
- Students who attend school are supervised only, not in their regular classes.
- No excursions or inter-school activities.
- Continued enhanced cleaning and hygiene supply arrangements.

You must continue to

- Keep your child/children at home if possible.
- Support your child/children to continue learning at home.
- Communicate with your school via email and phone wherever possible.
- Follow the health advice and keep your child/children at home if they are unwell.

PHASE 1

Students at school at least one day per week.

- Schools have discretion for establishing which group attends on which day, with a preference to group siblings/families together.
- Families who need to send their child to school every day may continue to do so and no child will be turned away.
- Classes are split across different spaces and break times can be staggered.
- No excursions or inter-school activities.
- Continued enhanced cleaning and hygiene supply arrangements.

You can now

- Send your child/children to school one day a week.
- You are encouraged to keep your child at home for the rest of the week wherever possible.
- Check with your school to see which day of the week your child/children should attend.
- Use the school canteen and uniform shop where appropriate hygiene measures are in place.

You must continue to

- Follow your school's advice regarding changes to drop off and pick up, including staying in your car when dropping off and picking up your child/children if safe to do so.
- Maintain social distancing by avoiding gathering outside of school gates.
- Make sure your child/children have access to lunch and snacks, noting some canteens may not be operating at this stage.
- Support your child/children to continue learning at home on remote learning days.
- Communicate with your school via email and phone wherever possible.
- Follow the health advice and keep your child/children at home if they are unwell.

A managed
return to school

Guidelines for families



Connect and belong: be your best self

Be curious: explore and cultivate wisdom

Foster a growth mindset: be willing to do things differently

RESPECTFUL

RESPONSIBLE

SAFE