



## Gillieston PS Update – Wednesday, 29 April 2020

Dear Families,

We have started Term 2 with approximately 20% of our students returning for face to face lessons. These students have been working in Stage groups throughout today by focusing on the same work that has been provided in work packs and on-line. According to the Department of Education, we are currently in Phase 0 of the managed return to school program being implemented across the State.

I have attached a PDF document which illustrates the various phases (0-4) to provide a guide of what to expect at each level. Please note that some local level adjustments may occur due to our site-specific circumstances.

For families that will be sending their students to school, there are a number of issues that you need to be aware.

- Kiss & Go – we encourage families to utilise the system of kiss & go when dropping students to school in the morning. Adults are asked not to come into the school playground area.
- Collection at the End of the Day – staff will escort students to the grassed area behind Ms Chamberlain's classroom so that students can identify whoever will be collecting them. Student will then proceed to you waiting near your vehicle rather than adults having to wait inside the school grounds. Given the relatively small numbers of students, we do not plan to use various gates or staggered collection times in these first few weeks however this may be a strategy employed as enrolment numbers increase.
- Parents are encouraged to respect social distancing behaviours near the entrances of the school. Please do not crowd around these areas.
- Students **do not need** to wear gloves or face masks.
- Students are strongly encouraged to use a water bottle at school and not drink directly from the school bubblers.
- Students attending school may not be in their normal classroom or with their usual teacher during this time. Where reasonable, social isolation practices and hygiene practices will be encouraged within our classes; however, please be conscious that keeping students separated in the classroom or playground will be difficult.
- Please be conscious that the school has limited undercover areas if we have inclement weather.
- Students may be required to have their breaks at varying times throughout the day to help manage the number of students in the playground at any time. This again is something that staff will monitor and manage as needed.
- There are no canteen facilities or breakfast club operating at this time.
- Children that present as being ill throughout the day will be sent to the sick bay and their temperature recorded. Parents will be contacted if staff have any concerns. Accordingly, please do not send your child to school if they are feeling unwell.
- Please ensure that all personal property is clearly labelled with your child's name.

Stay Safe

Mr David Crowe



## PHASE 0

Schools are open for families who need it.

### 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 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.

## PHASE 2

Students at school at least two days per week.

- Schools have discretion for establishing which group attends on which days, 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 two days 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 two days 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.

## PHASE 3

Students at school five days per week, with social distancing measures.

- Students with increased health risks may continue to learn at home to suit their individual needs.
- Students remain in the same classroom for the day, break times can be staggered to reduce mixing between class groups.
- No excursions or inter-school activities.
- Continued enhanced cleaning and hygiene supply arrangements.

### You can now

- Send your child/children to school every day.
- Access community services run on school sites, where they are not restricted by Public Health Orders.
- Use the school canteen and uniform shop where appropriate hygiene measures are in place.
- Walk your child/children into and out of school while maintaining social distancing.

### 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 to learn at home if they are required to learn remotely.
- 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 4

Students at school five days per week, with full school activities.

- Normal school breaks and entry/exit processes will resume.
- Infection control procedures will continue on a school by school basis.
- Communication to staff, students and families regarding NSW Health advice will continue.
- Continued communication to the Early Childhood Education sector regarding NSW Health Advice.

### You can now

- Send your child/children to school every day.
- Participate in school excursions and inter-school activities.
- Use playground equipment at schools.
- Drop your child/children off at school as you would normally do.
- Participate in school based activities such as volunteering in classes and assemblies.
- Use services that usually operate at your school like canteens and other community run activities.

# A managed return to school

Guidelines for families