



Gillieston PS Update – Thursday 7 May 2020

Dear Families,

Commencing Monday 11 May 2020, we move into Phase 1 of the gradual return to school program. This phase will see students encouraged to return to school at least one day per week. To enable our school to manage numbers and restrict over-crowding, students will be returning in their house groups. This will mean that approximately 25% of students will return **in addition** to those already attending. We believe that through this system we should see approximately 110 students at school which will allow us to continue to keep class sizes to a reasonable number.

Our proposed schedule is:

Monday - DAWSON

Tuesday - GILLIES

Wednesday - MAXWELL

Thursday - WALSH

Attendance on these days is voluntary and up to families to determine whether their child attends. If you determine to keep your child at home they should still engage with our online learning programs and work-packs.

Cooler Weather - Uniform

As the weather is becoming cooler at Gillieston PS please pack a maroon school jumper or jacket in your child's bag in the morning with their name clearly labelled. As it gets warmer throughout the day there are many jumpers left around with no names on them making it hard to find an owner.

Parent Contact

You may have received a phone call from our staff this week about how we can support your child during this period of learning from home. Our paper booklets are available to be collected from the office each Monday from 9:30am. If you experiencing difficulty in getting to the school, please phone the office and we can arrange these to be mailed if required.

Learning from Home - Attendance

With many of our students still learning from home, it is expected that they will be completing learning activities. Some families have opted for the booklet option, learning online or both. Students are handing in their completed work to their teacher after each week for marking. It is a requirement from the Department of Education that teachers must contact families after **the third day** if students are not engaging in learning activities. Please contact your child's class teacher if they are sick or provide an explained absence from learning.

Learning Support

Learning support programs will commence next week including Minilit and in class support. Breakfast Club will not operate until further notice and the canteen remains closed at this stage.

Thanks again for all of your support. Enjoy the rest of the week and stay safe.

Mrs Kristin Ison

Instructional Leader