



Term 2 Week 3

Dear parents & caregivers

We have started this week in a very settled and calm manner with Kinder & Year 5 attending yesterday and Kinder and Year 6 today. We are now in **Phase 1** of the reintroduction to school model. Please see the attached sheet for the various phases explained. It was so lovely to see so many little faces again and share in the excitement of being back at school. The teachers were also really pleased to see members of their classes and to be able to reconnect with them face to face.

Dropping off and picking up your children

To ensure the safety of all students and staff at the school, parents are asked to drop their children at the gates (where a teacher will be on duty) and not enter the school grounds.

In the afternoon, the front gates will be opened at 2.55pm for parents to come in and wait along the ramp running down to the canteen (if you normally come into the grounds to pick up your children). The back gate will also open at the same time and we ask parents to wait outside the gate area on the path.

If your children normally walk out to you to the car then they will continue to do this. But I ask that you remain in your car and wait for your children.

Canteen

The canteen will be open on Monday and Tuesday of next week (18 & 19 May) for lunch orders and purchasing at lunch time only. **It will be closed for Recess.** Children are to order their lunches at the canteen –adults are asked to not enter the school grounds to do this for their children. Please see attached information regarding the canteen.

Hard Copy packs for Home Learning

We ask that all children return their hard pack (yellow folder) on the day they attend school so teachers can mark the enclosed work, mark your child as present at school and put in the next week's learning tasks.

Schools remain open

The advice (at this stage) we have been given is that the present situation will continue for the next few weeks of this term and we will reintroduce attendance at school in a managed and organised manner.

The health advice on schools remains unchanged. Our Chief Medical Officers indicate that our schools should remain open for education provision at this time. The Government and Department of Education are encouraging you to keep your child at home when it is not their designated day to attend, to contribute to supporting the community response to COVID-19.

FROM WEEK 3 (11th MAY →)

All students will attend school on the following days:

Kindergarten (KW, KM, KP) - Monday & Tuesday

Stage 1 (1P, 1/2M, 1/2S, 1/2C, 2H) - Wednesday

Stage 2 (3/4N, 3/4G, 3/4K, 3H, 4M, 4S) - Thursday

Stage 3: Year 5 : 5B, 5H, 5J, 5M, 5S – Monday

Year 6 : 6B, 6H, 6J - Tuesday

Friday - The school's doors will remain open only for those students whose parents are in the essential services or who are vulnerable.

We understand this will mean different times for different students within the same family but it is the way we thought would best support the learning and safety of the children first and foremost. It will mean that the child at home can do their online learning uninterrupted and without having to share devices etc. It will also mean we can observe social distancing protocols at this stage.

Please note that if your child is coughing, has a cold, is sneezing etc, PLEASE keep them at home until they are well.

Please see the attached sheet to explain what Phase 1 means.

Mrs Karen Masciocchi (Principal)



CURRENT INFORMATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION

From Week 3 Term 2, we will begin a managed return to school. Here's what you can expect from each phase of the plan.

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.

Phase 1 (current phase)

Students at school at least one day per week.

- Schools have discretion for establishing which group attends on which day
- 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. On page 1 of this Newsletter
- Use the school canteen 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 health advice and keep your child/children at home if they are unwell.

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.

PHASE 1

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- Classes are split across different spaces and break times can be staggered.
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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.
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- 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.

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.

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.

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- 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.
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Learning from home

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

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- 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.

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- 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 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 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.

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.

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- Make sure your child/children have access to lunch and snacks, noting some canteens may not be operating at this stage.
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- Support your child/children to continue to learn at home if they are required to learn remotely.
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- Follow the health advice and keep your child/children at home if they are unwell.

A managed return to school

Guidelines for families



FRESH START CANTEENS

Would like to let you know we are looking at starting week 4 Monday and Tuesday only for Lunch orders and lunch service break.

Our Staff are excited, and we are asking for your support when we return. Limited Menu will apply as shown below.

Iceblocks, snacks etc will be sold at lunch break and can be ordered with lunch packs. Please support your canteen!



Limited Menu

Pack 1: Hot Dog + Popper + Popcorn	\$5
Pack 2 : Nuggets + Popper + Popcorn	\$6
Pack 3 : Wedges + Popper	\$5
Pack 4: Sandwich (jam, vegemite, cheese or ham & cheese) + Water + Fruit	\$4.50

YOUR CHILD'S NDIS PLAN



You are invited to a free info session on how to implement your child's NDIS Plan

Designed for parents and guardians of children 0-12 years with disability or developmental delay who are looking for support with starting or using their child's existing NDIS plan more effectively.

Session topics include:

- Understanding your child's NDIS plan
- How to make changes to the plan
- Plan management
- Self-management tips
- NDIS plan reviews
- Early childhood intervention best practice
- Finding and choosing service providers
- Latest NDIS updates on COVID-19

If you would like to attend but cannot, please let us know. This will help us to plan future sessions.

EVENT INFORMATION:

We are running a number of sessions contact us to register

Date: Wednesday 20 May 2020
Time: 4:30pm-6:00pm

Date: Friday 22 May 2020
Time: 11:00am-12:30pm

Date: Tuesday 26 May 2020
Time: 11:00am-12:30pm

Date: Thursday 28 May 2020
Time: 4:30pm-6:00pm

HOW: Online via a Zoom Meeting

COST: Free

RSVP Call: 02 9280 4744 or

Email: betterstart@carersnsw.org.au

A BETTER START PROGRAM INITIATIVE



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EVENT INFORMATION:

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Date: Wednesday 3 June 2020
Time: 4:30pm-6:00pm

Date: Friday 5 June 2020
Time: 11:00am-12:30pm

Date: Tuesday 9 June 2020
Time: 11:00am-12:30pm

Date: Thursday 11 June 2020
Time: 4:30pm-6:00pm

HOW: Online via a Zoom Meeting

COST: Free

RSVP Call: 02 9260 4744 or

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