



Thursday 30 April, 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As a result of the Premier's announcement, our Executive have been exploring different models of how to best manage the staggered return of our students. We have had to consider the following:

- Which 25% of our school community will attend on which day?
- How can we keep families together?
- How can we accommodate the 25% per day while maintaining 4m² for each body in the classroom?
- How do we staff the supervision of students attending while ensuring teachers are still available online to support students completing Home Learning?
- How can we ensure students can still connect with their own teacher at some point?
- How can we ensure all students attending have access to a working school device?
- How do we ensure all students attending on a given day can remain connected to our Wi-Fi all day at the same time (as you know our Wi-Fi desperately needs an upgrade)?
- Do we have enough toilet paper, paper towels, liquid soap and hand sanitiser to keep students and staff safe?
- How can we manage toileting given the restrictions on how many bodies can be in the one space at one time?

I promise you, no stone has been left unturned. We realise that our plan may not address every family's need or concern, but please know that the best interests of our students are always at the core of every decision we make.

On Page 2 of this letter, I have attached an info-graphic from the Department of Education that clearly describes the different staggered phases we will go through to return students to school. We are currently in Phase 0 (red). As of Week 3, we will begin Phase 1 (orange). This letter is detailing the changes for you when we enter Phase 1. Please note, we offer this information knowing that it may all change in response to the evolving impacts of the pandemic.

From Week 3 (beginning 11th May) please follow the timetable below (beginning on Page 3) for what day your child/ren are returning to school one day per week. We are unsure how long Phase 1 will continue for, but as always, we will keep you updated. Children of essential workers may attend as they have been. Please do not contact the school requesting a change of days – this is just not possible in the current climate.

One Mode of Learning ONLY

Students are expected to continue home learning when they are not attending school onsite. Students attending on their scheduled onsite day will work their way through the same work that children who are at home are working on. There will be no difference in what is offered.

Student Attendance

We respect that some families may not wish to send their children back to school during this time. So long as children are engaged in learning at home and communicating with the school (like in Term 1), students will not be marked as an unjustified absence. To assist us with our planning, we would appreciate families advising us of their intent. If you do intend to keep your child/ren at home for the remainder of the school term, can you please send, via the School App, or via the school email, a notification stating the start date and finish date. eg. My daughter/son ... will be absent from school due to the current COVID-19 pandemic from 29.04.2020 - 03.07.2020.

I am proud of our students, I am proud of our staff and I am proud of our Rydalmere PS community. I know this is a challenging time, but if we stick together, work together and practice kindness, we will learn much more than we ever knew about our strength from within. At Rydalmere PS, we don't enrol children, we enrol families – you all become a part of our 'village'. To my RPS Village – I am with you and our staff are with you 😊

Bek Zadow (Principal)

PHASE 0

PHASE 1

PHASE 2

PHASE 3

PHASE 4

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](#).

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.

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 you 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.

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 you 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.

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.

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

Monday – Phase 1

#	Name	Class
1	Malik D	KP
2	Omar B	KB
3	Bailey	KP
4	Omer I	KP
5	Elijah	KB
6	Hayley	KP
7	Mitchell	KB
8	Eli	1V
9	Ali	1V
10	Sana	1V
11	Hana	1/2S
12	Aydin	1/2S
13	Mikhail	1/2S
14	Thomas M	1/2S
15	Aisha	1/2S
16	Paul	1/2S
17	Jaanya	2/3L
18	Zoe R	2/3L
19	Abdulla	2/3L
20	Abideen	2/3L
21	Daniel A	2/3L
22	Hanin	3/4B
23	Aliesha	3/4B
24	Mannya	3/4B
25	Vida	3/4B
26	Chris	3/4B
27	Tobias	3/4B
28	Yusuf	3/4B
29	Nakita	3/4B
30	Mahdi	5/6R
31	Laily	5/6R
32	Faiez	5/6R
33	Leo	5/6R
34	Tairell	5/6R
35	James H	5/6R
36	Aamir	5/6R
37	Imran	5/6R
38	Clayton	5/6R

Tuesday – Phase 1		
#	Name	Class
1	Jarraah	KP
2	Aaron	KP
3	Eva	KP
4	Sonny	KP
5	Thomas C	KP
6	Linda	KB
7	Anesi	KB
8	Hendrix	KB
9	Maxine	1V
10	Alex	1V
11	Yahya	1V
12	Khalid	1V
13	Sophie	1V
14	May	1V
15	Mustafa	1/2S
16	Daniel L	1/2S
17	Nouha	1/2S
18	Lily B	1/2S
19	Mia	1/2S
20	Ethan T	1/2S
21	Elina	1/2S
22	Nate	1/2S
23	Diyar	2/3L
24	Mitchell FH	2/3L
25	Sasha	2/3L
26	Jaxen	2/3L
27	Alina	2/3L
28	Kate	3/4B
29	Josh	3/4B
30	Geordie	3/4B
31	Jasnoor	3/4B
32	Jai	5/6R
33	Rishabh	5/6R
34	Tyler	5/6R
35	Atia	5/6R
36	Luke	5/6R
37	Zain	5/6R
38	Yusra	5/6R

Preschool Green Group = attend preschool on Tuesday only for Phase 1

Wednesday – Phase 1

#	Name	Class
1	Avan	KP
2	Jeremiah	KP
3	Alice	KP
4	Amanullah	KP
5	Zoe	KB
6	Malik M	KB
7	Louie	KB
8	Maverick	KB
9	Farishta	1V
10	Storm	1V
11	Farzad	1V
12	Brooke	1V
13	James P	1V
14	Charlie	1V
15	Lasya	1/2S
16	Jake	1/2S
17	Sherylin	1/2S
18	Edward	1/2S
19	Amirali	1/2S
20	Aleyah G	1/2S
21	Larisa	2/3L
22	Sakchyam	2/3L
23	Sayed	2/3L
24	Olivia	2/3L
25	Milad	2/3L
26	Jude	2/3L
27	Jed	3/4B
28	William O	3/4B
29	Antonio	3/4B
30	Ayla H	3/4B
31	Cameron	3/4B
32	Eli	5/6R
33	August	5/6R
34	Malik M	5/6R
35	Alharith	5/6R
36	Alexis	5/6R
37	Lucas	5/6R
38	Cooper	5/6R

Thursday – Phase 1		
#	Name	Class
1	Dylan	KB
2	Ben	KP
3	Liam	KB
4	Derrick	KB
5	Celine	KB
6	Ava	KB
7	Harris	1V
8	Guilana	1V
9	Marcus	1V
10	Ethan P-D	1V
11	Aaliyah S	1/2S
12	Kaiden	1/2S
13	Nicholas	2/3L
14	Samantha	2/3L
15	Leron	2/3L
16	William M	2/3L
17	Maddy	2/3L
18	Oliver	2/3L
19	Bonnie	2/3L
20	Philip	2/3L
21	Aliyah WTP	2/3L
22	Sophia	3/4B
23	Razvan	3/4B
24	Ella	3/4B
25	Matthew M	3/4B
26	Sam	3/4B
27	Michael S	3/4B
28	Kelcey	3/4B
29	Annabella	3/4B
30	Cynthia	5/6R
31	Laila	5/6R
32	Jack	5/6R
33	Amalia	5/6R
34	Campbell	5/6R
35	Angel	5/6R
36	Isaac	5/6R
37	Gabriel	5/6R
38	Maria	5/6R

Preschool Blue Group = attend preschool on Thursday only for Phase 1