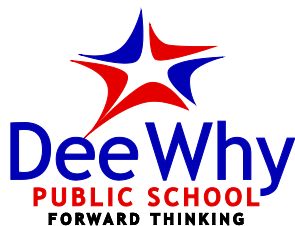


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## COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update: A Managed Return to School - 4 May 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers

For the remainder of this week, students will continue to 'learn from home' via online learning (Google Classroom). The school will remain open for students who need to attend. Supervision will be available for these students, and they will engage in the same learning as the students 'learning at home'. As also announced by the NSW Premier, parents are still encouraged 'to keep their children at home'.

### **Weeks 3-10 'Phased Managed Return' to School**

NSW Public Schools are looking to increase face-to-face teaching through a gradual return to school for students during Term 2. This will be done through a staged approach to balance the needs of students and staff, their families, personal circumstances and workplaces during the pandemic. We are currently at Phase 0 (see table below).

From Week 3 (11<sup>th</sup> May) we will move to Phase 1, where every student will have the opportunity to start attending school one day a week, with up to 25% of students in attendance on any given day. Schools will manage the structure of this 'Phased Managed Return' for their context. In other words, the Premier and Department of Education expects that every school will do this differently.

Our Executive team have been working through the Premier's operational guidelines to create a model for Dee Why Public School which caters to the needs of our students, parents and staff. *Our model is attached to this letter/email and will also be communicated to you via the school app and Facebook.* Our model allows our teaching staff to move from supervision to teaching – their students, in their classrooms. We will also continue to adjust our plans based on any new advice we receive from the NSW Department of Education.

The Premier has stated that 'in Phase 1 children should be kept at home except for their rostered day' and has asked parents to 'respect the guidelines' that will be established by the school. Please note that this does not apply to those students of essential workers who need to attend. We have tracked the data of these students the last 3 weeks of Term 1 and this will be factored into ensuring that no more than 25% of students are on site on any given day.

**Please note, students of essential workers coming to school not on their allocated day may be supervised by another staff member in another part of the school should total class numbers exceed the social distancing guidelines.**

	PHASE 0	PHASE 1	PHASE 2	PHASE 3	PHASE 4
<p><b>At all times</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Schools are safe places for students, teachers and staff.</li> <li>All students engage with a single unit of work.</li> <li>Keep up-to-date with your school's communications to make sure you receive important messages about timetable changes.</li> <li>Any identified cases of COVID-19 will continue to be managed in line with health advice, including temporary school closures where necessary.</li> </ul> <p><b>Learning from home</b></p> <p>Practical resources and guides to support students are available at the department's <a href="#">Learning from home hub</a>.</p>	<p><b>Schools are open for families who need it.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Families are encouraged to keep their children at home wherever possible, with no student to be turned away.</li> <li>Students who attend school are supervised only, not in their regular classes.</li> <li>No excursions or inter-school activities.</li> <li>Continued enhanced cleaning and hygiene supply arrangements.</li> </ul> <p><b>You must continue to</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keep your child/children at home if possible.</li> <li>Support your child/children to continue learning at home.</li> <li>Communicate with your school via email and phone wherever possible.</li> <li>Follow the health advice and keep your child/children at home if they are unwell.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Students at school at least one day per week.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Schools have discretion for establishing which group attends on which day, with a preference to group siblings/families together.</li> <li>Families who need to send their child to school every day may continue to do so and no child will be turned away.</li> <li>Classes are split across different spaces and break times can be staggered.</li> <li>No excursions or inter-school activities.</li> <li>Continued enhanced cleaning and hygiene supply arrangements.</li> </ul> <p><b>You can now</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Send your child/children to school one day a week.</li> <li>You are encouraged to keep your child at home for the rest of the week wherever possible.</li> <li>Check with your school to see which day of the week your child/children should attend.</li> <li>Use the school canteen and uniform shop where appropriate hygiene measures are in place.</li> </ul> <p><b>You must continue to</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>Maintain social distancing by avoiding gathering outside of school gates.</li> <li>Make sure your child/children have access to lunch and snacks, noting some canteens may not be operating at this stage.</li> <li>Support your child/children to continue learning at home on remote learning days.</li> <li>Communicate with your school via email and phone wherever possible.</li> <li>Follow the health advice and keep your child/children at home if they are unwell.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Students at school at least two days per week.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Schools have discretion for establishing which group attends on which days, with a preference to group siblings/families together.</li> <li>Families who need to send their child to school every day may continue to do so and no child will be turned away.</li> <li>Classes are split across different spaces and break times can be staggered.</li> <li>No excursions or inter-school activities.</li> <li>Continued enhanced cleaning and hygiene supply arrangements.</li> </ul> <p><b>You can now</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Send your child/children to school two days a week.</li> <li>You are encouraged to keep your child at home for the rest of the week wherever possible.</li> <li>Check with your school to see which two days of the week 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<li>Students with increased health risks may continue to learn at home to suit their individual needs.</li> <li>Students remain in the same classroom for the day, break times can be staggered to reduce mixing between class groups.</li> <li>No excursions or inter-school activities.</li> <li>Continued enhanced cleaning and hygiene supply arrangements.</li> </ul> <p><b>You can now</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Send your child/children to school every day.</li> <li>Access community services: run on school sites, where they are not restricted by Public Health Orders.</li> <li>Use the school canteen and uniform shop where appropriate hygiene measures are in place.</li> <li>Walk your child/children into and out of school while maintaining social distancing.</li> </ul> <p><b>You must continue to</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follow your school's advice regarding changes to drop off and pick up, including staying in your car when dropping off and picking up 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</ul> <p><b>You can now</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Send your child/children to school every day.</li> <li>Participate in school excursions and inter-school activities.</li> <li>Use playground equipment at schools.</li> <li>Drop your child/children off at school as you would normally do.</li> <li>Participate in school based activities such as volunteering in classes and assemblies.</li> <li>Use services that usually operate at your school like canteens and other community run activities.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>A managed return to school</b></p> <p>Guidelines for families</p>				



I have been incredibly appreciative of the support and understanding that we have received from parents and carers during these unprecedented times in education. I know how challenging this has been for our students and their families. I would also like to thank the extraordinary staff of Dee Why Public School, who have gone above and beyond to learn new modes of lesson delivery and technology platforms when designing and creating new content in a short time period to ensure their students' learning and growth continues. By continuing to work together we will help to protect our community.

Kind Regards

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Principal