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Dear parents and carers

I hope that you are all safe and well. Yesterday the Premier announced NSW public school students will gradually transition back to the classroom during Term 2 as the Government continues to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic. Kingsgrove Public School will continue to follow the advice of the NSW Department of Education to facilitate remote student learning and the upcoming transition back to on-site school learning.

Outlined below is some information regarding arrangements for our school in Term 2.

Additional Staff Development Days and Organisation

Term 2 will commence with two Staff Development Days on Monday 27 April and Tuesday 28 April. Schools have now been allocated an additional Staff Development Day on Tuesday 28 April. On these days, staff will participate in professional learning, further planning, as well as prepare for the gradual return of students to school.

Due to the additional Staff Development Day, teaching and learning will now **resume for students on Wednesday 29 April**. Primary OSHCare will continue to provide care for families on both Staff Development Days. Please contact them directly for enquiries.

For weeks 1 and week 2 of next term students are encouraged to continue remote learning from home, where possible. Kingsgrove Public School will continue to stay open for students that are unable to learn remotely from home, similar to how the end of Term 1 was structured.

On Wednesday 29 April lesson content will continue online through Google Classroom. Learning packages for Term 2 for each student will be available for collection at school on Wednesday 29 April. Further information will be sent home to families with details on the collection of learning packages for their child/children.

Continuity of Education

The very clear medical advice from the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) is that a phased return of students to on-site learning is safe. The COVID-19 pandemic will continue for some time, and it is important that we adjust the provision of education accordingly.

NSW Schools are looking to increase face-to-face teaching through a gradual return to school for students starting from **Monday 11 May**. It is envisaged that students will return to school for **one day per week**. The planned structure for gradual return will need to ensure that social distancing measures are followed and adhered to. We have been advised that there may only be up to 9-10 students in a classroom. These logistics will need to be considered in our planning. Further information concerning these arrangements will be communicated by beginning of week 2 next term, once our staff have had the opportunity to work through what the model looks like for Kingsgrove Public School.

Attached to this letter is a graphic which explains this staged approach for returning to school.

Model of Learning

Students learning either at home or in school will continue to engage with work provided by their teachers.

Schools will plan and communicate time allocation for learning. Practical resources and guides to help students learning from home and school staff teaching from home are available at the department's Learning from home hub. Please see link below.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/learning-from-home/advice-to-parents-and-carers>

We again reinforce the message that we understand these are challenging times and only ask that families do their best. The health and wellbeing of all families is our key priority and encourage you to aim for a balanced approach to learning at home.

The table below outlines the recommended time allocations for students participating in learning at school or at home.

Suggested curriculum requirements for learning from home and school						
EARLY STAGE 1	STAGE 1	STAGE 2	STAGE 3	STAGE 4	STAGE 5	STAGE 6
TOTAL 2.5 hours + other	TOTAL 2.5 hours + other	TOTAL 3 hours + other	TOTAL 3 hours + other	TOTAL 3.5 hours	TOTAL 3.5 hours	Students in Year 11 and 12 will follow their usual pattern of study.
45-60 mins English	45-60 mins English	45-60 mins English	45-60 mins English	30-45 mins English	30-45 mins English	The requirements for major projects in some practical subjects has changed. NESA will continue to provide updates and changes to major projects and/or assessments for specific subjects.
30-45 mins Mathematics	30-45 mins Mathematics	30-45 mins Mathematics	30-45 mins Mathematics	30-45 mins Mathematics	30-45 mins Mathematics	
30-60 mins Other KLAs: Creative arts, HSIE, PDHPE, SciTech	30-60 mins Other KLAs: Creative arts, HSIE, PDHPE, SciTech	60-90 mins Other KLAs: Creative arts, HSIE, PDHPE, SciTech	60-90 mins Other KLAs: Creative arts, HSIE, PDHPE, SciTech	90-120 mins Other KLAs: HSIE, science, creative arts, languages, PDHPE, TAS	90-120 mins Other KLAs: HSIE, science, PDHPE and electives	
Other activities: wellbeing, sport, physical activity*	Other activities: wellbeing, sport, physical activity*	Other activities: wellbeing, sport, physical activity*	Other activities: wellbeing, sport, physical activity*	Other activities: wellbeing, sport, physical activity*	Other activities: wellbeing, sport, physical activity*	
Notes KLA = Key Learning Area *where social distancing allows						

A focus on English and Mathematics in primary school reflects the expectation that approximately 50% of the school week is devoted to these subjects. Other subjects make up approximately 30-40% and schools have flexibility in how they implement these subjects.

You will note that at this time, the suggested learning time is either 2 ½ or 3 hours for students depending on which grade they are in. Hopefully this is manageable but we understand that this may not always be possible.

Once school resumes next week, if you have any questions regarding accessing work online, collecting learning packages from school, borrowing devices or other questions, please feel free to contact the school by phone or through email.

We thank you for your understanding during such incredibly challenging times and appreciate your continued support.

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Principal

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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 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.

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.

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