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Dear Parent/Caregiver

We are looking forward to the implementation of the Department of Education's Phase 1 operations and a return to Face-to Face learning commencing in Week 3, Monday May 11.

A great deal of planning has gone into how to ensure this can be done safely and with the best interests of student welfare and educational outcomes at the forefront of our decision making.

We will be returning students in Years 7 – 10 on one day per cohort allocated as following:

- Monday – Year 10
- Tuesday – Year 9
- Wednesday – Year 8
- Thursday – Year 7

This will allow students of a single year group to mix with their peers and engage in learning at the same time with their specialist teachers. All students in the year group allocated for that day will be learning in the hall. They will receive support for the package of work set for that week in each subject. The remainder of the week should see students working from home where possible in order to complete their work packages. A great deal of extension work will be provided in each subject in the Google Classrooms or in hard copy for those looking for more.

Students should bring their laptops fully charged to work in Google Classroom in the hall on their allocated day. Students who do not have a laptop will be given hard copies of the work. A limited number of laptops will be available for loan on these days but there is not enough to cover everyone who may not bring one at this stage. Unfortunately, it will not be possible to open up other rooms and still provide specialist subject support due to the limited number of staff available in each subject area.

Not all work will be completed online or in the hall. There will be provision for other activities including physical activities and non-computer-based tasks. It will therefore be important for students to also make sure they have their books, pens and pencils.

Students from other year groups will not be turned away from school if it is not their timetabled day but do need to attend for any reason. However, there will be minimal supervision only for these students as they work on their online or hard copy packages of work.

Students in Years 11 and 12 will be timetabled to attend two days each:

- Year 12 – Monday and Thursday
- Year 11 – Tuesday and Friday

On these days, Senior students will have a regular lesson for each of their subjects with their usual teacher, as far as is possible allowing for regular teacher illness. A new timetable will be issued each day so it will be important for all students to attend at 9am on their relevant day.

Wednesday attendance is dependent on individual pattern of study. Senior students who have a timetabled class on Wednesday will need to attend. Extension classes have also been allocated for delivery on Wednesday. Students who do not have a timetabled class or a major project need not attend on Wednesdays. The latest advice from TAFE is that all learning is online. Students should contact the relevant course coordinator for details.

Seniors will be responsible for ensuring they are in attendance each allocated day with all the appropriate materials they need to successfully engage in their learning. These lessons will be conducted as full curriculum delivery with tasks being set to compete before the next day of attendance. Assessment schedules and exam preparation will recommence as soon as possible.

It is hoped that Year 12 will be able to attend 5 days a week as early as Week 4. This will be assessed during Week 3 on the most up to date information from NSW Health and will be advised at the appropriate time.

Social distancing guidelines will be adhered to as best we can in a school setting. Additional supplies of soap and hand sanitiser have been supplied by the department and will be expected to be used by students in attendance. The provision for additional cleaning during the day has also been arranged, although these details are yet to be advised. Bubblers will be turned off and it will be important for students to bring a drink bottle they can fill from a tap safely.

The Canteen will be open Monday – Thursday. There will be a reduced menu and items needing heating or preparation will need to be ordered in the morning. Other items such as drinks and pre-packaged snacks will continue to be available on a walk-up basis at recess and lunch. There will be no Canteen in operation on Fridays.

A copy of the Department's "Phased Return to School Guidelines" has been included with this letter, along with the detailed Phase 0 and Phase 1 information. There is no current advice beyond the implementation of Phase 1 in Week 3 at this stage.

The Department will continue to assess the latest NSW Health advice before moving to further phases of the plan. Naturally as other phases are introduced further advice will be made available to parents and students.

We are hopeful that the cases of COVID-19 remain low in NSW and we are able to return to full time study as soon as possible. As a NSW Department of Education school we will be implementing the decisions made by the NSW Government as best we can to provide the best and safest education we can.

Please feel free to contact the school if you wish to discuss any aspect of the phased return and safety arrangements being implemented by Blayney High School.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Browett', with a stylized, cursive script.

John Browett
Principal
28/4/2020

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Phase 0



Keep your children at home if possible

- Visit education.nsw.gov.au/learning-from-home to support your child's learning



Schools will remain open for students who need them and no child will be turned away

- Follow health advice and keep your child home if they are unwell



Call or email the school if you have questions



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Phase 1



1 day a week



4 days a week

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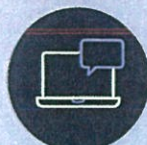
Bring a packed lunch and water bottle



Keep your distance



Parents and carers, stay in the car for drop offs and pick ups



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PHASE 0

Schools are open for families who need it.

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

Students at school at least one day per week.

- 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 2

Students at school at least two days 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.

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.

Learning from home

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

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.

You must continue to

- 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 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.

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.

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.

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