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Dear Parents/Carers,

The staff have been planning the implementation of Phase 1 of the managed return to school of groups of students, beginning week 3, Monday 11 May 2020. Thank you to those Parents/Carers who completed the survey indicating the preferable option for our school community. Your responses have assisted the school in the decision-making process.

From Monday 11 May 2020, Alfords Point Public School will see students attending 1 day per week as part of the Phase 1 managed return of students in **stage-based class groups**. At this stage we do not know when we will move to Phase 2.

During Phase 1 managed return of students one day per week, Parents/Carers are still asked to keep their children at home if they can on the other days of the week.

Alfords Point Public School plan for the managed return of students in stage-based class groups will:

- **allow all students to work face to face with their classroom teacher at least one day per week.**
- **allow students to see and work with their friends on their rostered day.**

Phase 1 Roster for attendance:

PHASE 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Roster for attending 1 day per week	3/4R 3/4P 4M	1/2P 1/2M 1/2J	Kindergarten	5/6D 5/6B 5M	
Children of families who need to attend may do so each day, including Friday. If students are attending on a rostered day they will join their class group. If it is not their rostered day, they will be supervised by another teacher in the completion of their work. Please note all students whether at school or at home will complete the same work.					

Changes to drop-off and pick-up

To support social distancing if children attend school they are to arrive at school as close to 9am as possible and remain in the COLA area where a teacher will be on duty.

On your child's rostered day, we respectfully request that parents refrain from entering the school grounds. Please drop your child off at the school gate in the morning and in the afternoon wait on the footpath outside the gate for the students to come to you. Please remember to tell your child which gate to meet you at to avoid confusion.

Entry to the school will be via the following gates:

- Brushwood Drive main gate
- Brushwood Drive crossing gate
- Coachwood Crescent gate

Please note the walkway gate at the rear of the school which links Coachwood Crescent and oval will be closed until further notice.

Uniform

Students will return to school on their rostered day wearing their **full winter school uniform** regardless of what day they attend.

School Bags

Students are to keep their school bag with them under the COLA area in the morning and not take it to their classroom. Students will not wear their sports uniform during Phase 1.

Devices

Students do not need to bring their devices to school with them on their rostered day.

Attendance

The Department has provided the following guidelines on how attendance will be marked.

F – Students at home engaged in learning, they have been placed into self-isolation due to contact or have been self-isolated after returning from overseas.

A – There is no evidence of students completing work therefore students are on unapproved leave. Schools need to locally manage how they determine whether a student being kept at home is engaging in their learning.

S – Parents advise the school that their child is sick and not able to attend school and therefore unable to complete work.

What does my child need each day?

Pencil case including whiteboard markers, lunch and recess, school hat, jumper, own water bottle as the bubblers cannot be accessed – bottles can be refilled from taps if required. If your child has resources already at school they can utilise these.

The following information may answer any questions you might have.

How parents can help

- Maintain social distancing by avoiding gathering outside the school gates. 'Drop and Go' in the mornings and wait separately in the afternoons.
- Identify a set gate for your child to enter and exit from on their rostered day – don't forget to tell your child.
- Refrain from entering the school grounds as much as possible.
- Make sure your child/children have access to recess and lunch on the days they attend. The canteen is currently closed.
- Please send a water bottle with your child. All bubblers have been disabled.
- Support your child/children to continue learning at home on remote learning days.
- Communicate with the school via telephone or email, wherever possible.
- Follow the health advice and keep your child/children home if they are unwell.

Questions you might have:

What do I do if I have children in different grades and they will be attending on different days?

If you need to, you can still send all your children to school on one day. If it is their rostered day they will be in their class group working with their class teacher. If it is not their rostered day they will work on their package in a mixed group and will be supervised by an allocated teacher.

What if I need to go to work each day? Can I still send my children on days they aren't rostered?

Yes, you can still send your children. If they aren't rostered to be at school that day they will join the mixed group and be supervised by a teacher.

Will remote learning be continuing each day?

Yes, remote learning will occur five days per week with staff rostered to cover all Google Classrooms. For those students not rostered to be at school, will continue to work on their package.

What happens if I don't want to send my child on their rostered day? Can I send my child on another day?

There may be a range of reasons a parent does not want to send their child on a rostered day. If this is the case, please contact the school so we can discuss this with you.

If students attend on another day of the week, they will be placed in the mixed group for supervision with a teacher.

What if I am still not confident to send my child back to school at all?

Please contact the school if you have any concerns.

How is the school managing students being back on site?

The school is allocating each class to a double classroom on their allocated face to face day to maximise the distance between students. This means that on the day your child attends they may not be in their classroom but will be with their teacher.

Any other students who attend on that day e.g essential workers' children, will be supervised by a teacher in another area of the school. If it is these children's class rostered day then they will join their class group with their class teacher.

There will also be:

- Enhanced cleaning and hygiene supply arrangements to schools
- All bubblers have been disabled so that they are not operational at the moment.
- We have changed the arrangements for the pick-up and drop-off of students. Parents are asked to identify one point of entry gate for drop off and pick up so children know where to meet Parents/Carers in the afternoons.
- We will be using all available learning spaces in the school, including the hall and library, to allow students to spread out.

If you require further clarification around your own circumstances, please don't hesitate to contact the school via telephone or email.

Thank you for your ongoing support at this time.

Annette Wein
Principal