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Full Return to Face-to-Face Teaching in Week 5 Update for Families

Dear Parents and Carers,

I write to you to provide an update on the latest information related to the full return of students on Monday 25th of May. Please be aware this is a transcript of my latest video that was uploaded on Thursday 21st of May.

All schools are returning to full face-to-face learning from Monday 25th May. The department has released a document called **A Guide to NSW School Students Returning to Face-to-Face Learning**. Much of the information below is taken from that document, with added information that directly relates to our school. All school activities and operations will be in line with Aust. Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) and NSW Health guidelines.

Social Distancing

School students do not need to follow physical distancing guidelines, but should follow good hygiene practices like:

- Regularly washing hands
- Avoiding sharing drinks or food
- Coughing or sneezing into your elbow, or a tissue which should be discarded immediately.

Attendance at School

All students are expected to return to full-time attendance unless:

- They have a medical certificate stating that they are unable to return due to an ongoing medical condition; or
- They are currently unwell.

Only students who have a medical certificate to stay at home will be supported to learn from home in line with regular school procedures. This is different to what was offered during the Learning from Home period.

Students who live with a family member in one of the categories identified as being at increased risk by the AHPPC, should attend school unless a medical practitioner advises otherwise in writing.

If your child is unwell, do not send them to school. If they become unwell at school, you or your nominated emergency contact will need to collect them immediately. Please make these details are up to date.

If a student is absent without a medical reason for more than three days, this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence and followed up by regular school procedures.

If you need any support to get your child back to school, please contact your school for support.

Semester 1 Reports

There will be a Semester 1 report, however it will be significantly different to the reports that we have been previously sending home. It is expected to come home in the last week of the term. We are asking parents if they are able to supply one or two sentences about your child's engagement with the learning from home program. Information about this will be provided in the coming week.

Activities Still on Hold

There are things that we are still not able to do at this point in time. These include;

- Assemblies
- Incursions or excursions
- Inter-school activities
- Activities that involve parent or other volunteers
- Use of bubblers



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Enhanced cleaning

Enhanced cleaning will continue in schools. This means that high-touch areas such as door handles, handrails, light switches and high traffic areas, like bathrooms, are provided with additional cleaning throughout the day.

School Grounds

There should be no visitors to school sites unless they are essential. This includes parents coming onto the school grounds to collect children. The advice is that the risk is for adults and not students. It is a priority for parents to social distance, especially if collecting the students from outside the school. With this latest advice, we will be altering how we dismiss children in the afternoon.

Changes to Morning and Afternoon Routines

All schools have been asked by the Department of Education to not have parents come onto the school grounds before or after school. As a result we will be changing our afternoon routines in alignment with this. Please be aware that the previous system will not continue next week.

Instead, Year 2- Year 6 will be released at 2.30 pm with older siblings collecting younger brothers and sisters. These can include Kindergarten and Year 1 children. Children that are walking will exit either through the Western Front Gate or Skate Park Gate. Bikes and Scooters will exit through the Eastern Front Gate. The Eastern and Western front gates will be labelled next week.

Kindergarten and Year 1 students will be walked up to the front of the school and dismissed at 2.35pm. Kindergarten classes will be located in the area near the bikes, where signs will show each class location. When parents are sighted, children will walk along the path and out through the Eastern Front Gate. Year 1 children will be walked up to the Western Front Gate and released to parents from there. Unfortunately, parents will not be permitted through the front gate.

Uniform

As students have been returning to school and the weather gets colder. We have observed that children have not been wearing full school uniform. Some of the items have been jumpers that are not school colour, hoodies and tights. It is important that students show that they are a part of the Blue Haven team by wearing the full school uniform. We do have high expectations and would as that you please ensure that your child is wearing their full school uniform when they leave in the morning.

Return Items

We are asking families to please return two items when students next come to school. The first is their handwriting book and second the Week 5 workbook if it came home at the start of the week. All students will need these to continue with their learning next week.

Thank you for keeping up with the Learning from Home program and supporting us as best as you have been able and staying in touch with us. From next week we will return to our usual methods of communication, our usual Monday notes and newsletters. We are so excited to be welcoming back all our students next week. With all classes returning to normal operation with their class teachers.

Yours sincerely

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