



# Smithfield West Public School

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## RETURN TO SCHOOL PHASE 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

29 April 2020

On **Monday May 11**, Phase 1 of the NSW Department of Education's managed return to school program will commence. This means that from that day, students are expected to be at school **1 day per week**, that day being nominated by the school.

At Smithfield West, students will be attending in class groups on the following days:

| Monday    | Tuesday   | Wednesday | Thursday  | Friday   |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--|
| <b>KG</b> | <b>KC</b> |           | <b>KN</b> | Children<br>of essential<br>workers<br><b>only</b> |
| 1O        | 2R        | 1/2L      | 2P        |  |
| <b>3F</b> | <b>4C</b> | <b>3N</b> | <b>4H</b> |  |
| 5D        | 5/6M      | 5/6R      | 6K        |  |

Whilst the school will be open every day, I ask for your support in **only** sending your child on their nominated day. Should they need to attend on any other day, they will be supervised while completing their online learning tasks, but not by their own teacher. Just like our students, many of the teachers are working from home during this pandemic.

**Attendance** - Students who engage in their learning, either online at home or at school, will be marked as being present. Those who do not engage in their learning will be marked as absent for that particular day. Since the beginning of remote learning, classroom teachers have made countless phone calls following up on students in their class. If you receive a call from a private number, and your child has not been engaging in their work, please answer as the likelihood is that it is your child's teacher. If unsuccessful in contacting the family, the usual non-attendance procedures will be implemented and may result in a referral to the Department's Home School Liaison officer.

Can I thank you for your time and effort over the past month. I understand and appreciate that it has been very difficult for students, parents and teachers (myself included), but it has been rewarding to see the school community all working together to ensure learning continues for our students.

I will write to you again early next week to update you further on other organisational changes we have made for the commencement of Phase 1.

Stay safe,

Stephen Gray  
**Principal**