



Gunnedah South Public School

Winder Place, Gunnedah, NSW 2380

COVID-19 Update 14-5-2020

Phase 1 – Part B commences 18th May (Week 4, Term 2)

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, our school, along with all NSW public schools, began the process of returning students to **learning at school** for **one day per week**. For our students, this meant that every student who attends Gunnedah South Public School had the opportunity to physically come to school for one day during the week. This was the first part of Phase 1 of the NSW DoE and State Government's plan for returning students to school full time by the start of Term 3. The plan remains clear, and parents were advised on which day their children should attend school.

It was exciting to see more children at school and I certainly enjoyed hearing the sound of children happily playing during break times. We understand that not every parent feels comfortable sending their children to school at the moment - please know that this is ok. Our lessons will continue to be taught through Teams and we will maintain contact with families as per our recent arrangements. When you feel safe to send your children to school, please send them on their allocated days. If your child is not attending on their scheduled day, they are marked as absent unless you have contacted the school principal. Remember, if your child is sick, please keep them home.

Our school has extra cleaning time allocated every day at school. We will be encouraging students to use sanitiser and soap regularly throughout the day. We have also staggered our break times for different groups to reduce the number of children playing outside and using facilities at one time.

Thank you for your amazing work you are doing with your children and your ongoing support of my staff. We do appreciate the effort and challenges it takes for parents to keep your children home on the days they are not scheduled to attend school and supporting them to learn from home. My staff and I do miss having the usual interactions with you and are looking forward to the time when we can be a little more sociable.

From Week 4 (Monday 18th May) we will be increasing student time at school to two days per week. To support this we will have staggered play and pickup times. The days are:

Monday 18 May — Students with last names A—L (compulsory day to attend school day)

Tuesday 19 May — Students with last names A—L (optional in Phase 1 to attend school day)

Wednesday 20 May — Students with last names M—Z (compulsory day to attend school day)

Thursday 21 May — Students with last names M—Z (optional attend school day to attend school day)

Friday — This is reserved for planning (lesson creation) and children will be in mixed classes.

Note: Children of essential workers and those who need to be at school will be placed in classrooms with their regular classroom teachers Monday to Thursday. Please remember students continue the same work at school and at home.

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KEY REMINDERS

- From May 11th students at school will be organised in infants and primary groups and provided with set days to attend school.
- **Parents are asked not to enter school grounds but to drop off and collect their children at the Winder place Gates each morning and afternoon.**
- Students will be completing the same work at school and at home. No new work will be introduced for the students at school.
- **Children will need to bring in charged school laptops, work booklets, headphones and stationery. Please send laptop chargers just in case. Parents and emergency contacts will be contacted to bring in items accidentally left at home.**
- Pick-up times will also be staggered:
 - **All Infants students and siblings to be collected at 2:40pm (from Mother's Gate).**
 - **All other Primary students (with no infant siblings) to be collected at 3pm** from Mothers Gate in Winder Place. (Please help us by waiting on the opposite side of Winder place if you arrive prior to 3pm).
 - **Students who walk, ride or catch buses will commence leaving at 3:00pm from Stock Road Crossing Gate.**
 - Parents are asked to remain in cars at drop off and pick-ups. Staff are on hand each day to guide children. No pickups available from Stock Road at this time.
 - Please ensure you display your family name in window each day to support pickups.
- **GATES –Winder Place gates and Stock Road crossing gates will be the only gates open,**
- **The canteen will remain closed during this phase.** Please ensure students have fruit break, recess, lunch. For hygiene reasons our bubblers will be closed, students will need water bottle.

We are certainly looking forward to supporting a successful return to school for our students and a return to normal life in the near future.

Please know, we will continue to update you all via Facebook, our Skoolbag App and our website as new information comes to hand.

Again, thank you all for your amazing efforts to keep your families safe and, the Gunnedah community safe by keeping children home.

Stay safe, we look forward to seeing you again soon.

Kindest regards,

Pete (aka Mr. B)
Principal

The plan from Monday May 11

Managing your return to school



Return to
school at least
1 day a week



Learning from
home the
other days

① From May 11

- Learning will take place both at school and at home
- Specific days vary from school to school
- Find learning from home support at education.nsw.gov.au/learning-from-home

② Get in touch with your school

- To find out which days to send your child
- To find out about arrangements for your school

③ At all times

- Schools will remain open for students who need them and no child will be turned away
- Follow health advice and keep your children at home if they are unwell

These arrangements will be assessed and reviewed, taking into account the latest health advice.

For more information
education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families





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