

Dear parents/carers,

I want to thank you all for your support throughout our COVID 19 journey. Together, we have been able to make the best of this situation and ensure your child's safety and continuity of learning.

Today, the State Government announced changes to education based on a review of current arrangements and updated health advice.

As of Monday, 18 May 2020 all students are expected to attend school, except for those students medically referred to learn from home.

This means students are either:

- **at school;**
- **have a medical referral to learn from home; or**
- **recorded as absent if they do not attend.**

Over the last three weeks we have seen 84% of our students from across the state return to school, which has been fantastic.

Current health advice states that schools remain safe for staff and students and should remain open. We want to make sure all children get the best education possible, which is why attending school is so important. We are here to make sure all children are learning and there's no doubt, schools are the best place for them to learn.

For parents with medical advice that their child should not attend school, we will work with you in partnership with the School of Special Educational Needs: Medical and Mental Health to support your child's learning from home. If you feel your child is in this category, please contact me (Jayne.ebsworthy@education.wa.edu.au) and we will work together on the next steps.

If your child does not attend school without a medical reason, they will be marked as absent and will not be provided a learning program.

The extra cleaning and hygiene practices implemented at the start of Term 2 will continue and as part of the social distancing measures, we continue to ask parents/carers to drop children at the school gate and not enter the school grounds, unless you are a K and PP parent. Our current arrangements will remain in place.

The State Government will continue to make decisions based on the best health advice. Thank you for your continued support as we move forward.

If you have any questions please contact myself or Mr Batt or Mrs Stewart on 9523 7000.

Kind regards,



Jayne Ebsworthy
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