



A.G.B.U. ALEXANDER PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Alexander School Community,

We like to take this opportunity to offer our sincere thanks for your unwavering support as we have navigated the necessary shift to a contemporary and flexible 'Remote Learning' program, as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic and the restrictions put in place by the State and Federal Governments.

In these challenging circumstances, the capacity of teachers, students and parents to adapt has been impressive. We are grateful for the strength and resilience the community has shown and no doubt will continue to show, during this period of uncertainty. We are extremely pleased of the rigorous 'Remote Learning' program that we have been able to offer our students, which has included a comprehensive program of interactive and live lessons throughout the day. Student wellbeing, pastoral care and keeping students connected have also been a focus of our program.

Naturally, we want nothing more than to have our students back on our school grounds, enjoying the wonderful environment and experiences as soon as possible. We have been working carefully to develop a thorough plan for the weeks ahead which is special to the circumstances and learning environment at Alexander School. It is important to note that the needs of our community are unique and that the approach taken by NSW government schools and other non-government schools may be different to our approach.

At Alexander school, we are mindful of the fact that each family has their own views about education, learning and COVID-19. Therefore, we must do our best to support each student and family as much as possible. As such, we have set out a plan to cautiously reintegrate students so we can get on with the task of learning at school and enjoy the benefits of being at Alexander Primary.

The wellbeing of all students and teachers, their connection with each other, along with maintaining our high standard of education, remain the priorities of the School. We are more confident than ever that our staff will continue to do what is needed to support our students with their learning and wellbeing in this challenging time.

Therefore, during the first few weeks of term, we will continue to invest a tremendous amount of effort to deliver a 'Remote Learning' program for students. Starting Weeks 3, we will trial a staged return to classroom for students in Years K-2 only. More detailed information relevant to your child has been made available below. Parents will also be informed in which group their child has been placed, including important information about our special transport arrangements.

For the return of our students to their classrooms be safe and successful, we need parents to assist with their transport. We require all students to travel to school either by a private car or the school's private bus. This means that students who normally travel to school by Forest Coach Lines will be required to travel by car on the day specified. Arrangements have also been put in place for students who travel from Ryde or on the school's minibus.

As we have previously stated, this is an extremely dynamic situation. While we have comprehensively planned for the weeks ahead, we will continue to remain agile. COVID-19 has changed our lives like never before, as such the School Board remains extremely cautious in our approach.

From Week 4, we are hopeful that we can slowly expand our return to teaching and learning from school. This will, of course, depend on the local and national situation regarding COVID-19 and the protocols which are in place. More information will be provided.

The safety and wellbeing of students, staff and parents continues to drive our decision making. The School will always be taking a precautionous approach, regarding maintaining social distancing protocols and hygiene.

We will be monitoring the health and wellbeing of students, which may include temperature checks on arrival or during the day. We intend to follow advice from the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee regarding how to best manage hygiene and wellbeing in a school setting

Our sincere thanks once again for your support. We have greatly missed seeing the students at Alexander School each day and we look forward to seeing them back in the coming weeks.

AGBU Alexander Primary School

Return to School Plan | Weeks 3 – 5, Term 2 2020

When do I come to School?

YEAR	WEEK 3 (From 11 th May)	WEEK 4 (From 18 th May)	WEEK 5 (From 25 th May)
P / K	Tuesday 12th May Group A (K & Y1)* Wednesday 13th May Group B (K & Y1)* Friday 15th May Group C (Y2)	Monday	Monday
Year 1/2		Tuesday	Tuesday
Year 3/4		Wednesday	Wednesday
Year 5/6		Thursday	Thursday

***Note – Kindergarten and Year 1 students will be divided into two Groups (A or B). Group A students will only be allowed to attend on Tuesday, while Group B students will come on Wednesday.**

Coming to School

- Students will be required to travel to school by private car or private bus.
- Only students are to enter the school grounds.
- Parents who drive their children to school will be required to drop them off at the entrance to the main building. They will not be permitted past the driveway or allowed to enter the main building.
- Supervision will be available for students from 8.30am onwards.
- On arrival, students will be directed to enter from the main building, where they will be health screened, which may include temperature checks.
- Once students have passed the sanitising station, they will be moved to their designated locations for supervision prior to the commencement of classes.

Safety and Hygiene

- Students should bring all food and drinks for the day (No Canteen facility).
- Social distancing measures will continue to be reinforced.
- Hand sanitiser will be available in classrooms, bathrooms and other areas around the school.
- Students will be encouraged to wash and sanitise their hands regularly.
- Cleaning will be conducted regularly on all high-touch surfaces, with daily cleaning and disinfecting of each room.
- Deep cleaning of classrooms will take place during the week.
- Hygiene signs aimed at younger children will be placed around the school.
- There will be no excursions until further notice.
- There will be a separate quarantine area for students who present as unwell and who are awaiting immediate collection from a family member.

Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the format of the learning on the days my child is attending School for face-to-face learning?

The format of all teaching will initially be live and interactive via Google Classroom so that remote students can participate in lessons. The students will need to bring their laptops and headsets to class. Learning provisions will be made for any student who has not returned to school.

Our focus is on the important connections that the students and the teachers have missed so much.

I prefer to keep my child home from school on the face-to-face days. Can they still participate in classes?

Our preference is that students attend on their designated face-to-face learning day. However, we understand that some students, may not attend. Provisions for learning will be made for any student who has not returned to school.

What will be the format of teaching on the days my child is not scheduled to attend school for face-to-face lessons?

Our 'Remote Learning' program will continue on the days when your child is not rostered to attend school, with live lessons throughout the day.

How are you managing social distancing?

With the staged return to school of our students, we are committed to ensuring that we have implemented social distancing measures that protect our teachers and students.

What uniform should students wear when returning to campus?

Upon returning to school, all students are expected to comply with the Uniform Policy. Students should wear winter uniform. If you have been unable to purchase a winter uniform, your child may continue to wear their summer uniform in the interim.

Will the Canteen be open?

The Canteen is currently closed. Students are asked to bring their own food and drinks.

Will face-to-face sport and co-curricular activities be taking place?

All on-site (face-to-face) sport and co-curricular activities are currently cancelled. Online activities will continue as per the schedules sent to parents. We will provide further information when this situation changes.

What if my child is unwell and cannot attend School?

Normal procedures apply for notifying the School of your child's absence.

Who should I contact if I have a question in relation to this plan?

Please contact: Mr Manoug Demirjian – Principal@alexander.nsw.edu.au

School Board Chair: Mrs Sossie Giragosian – Sossie@alexander.nsw.edu.au