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Dear Parents / Carers,

Thank you for your patience and support whilst staff worked through the planning of Phase 1, where each student will attend school for one day a week. Please refer to the table on side for more information on **PHASE 1**.

After considering all information available from the Department of Education and discussing many models, we have developed a model that we believe best suits our community, students and staff. Our model is based on the beginning letter of student's surnames, where each letter has been allocated a day to return to school. (See table below) This staggered approach allows us to balance the needs of students and staff, their families, personal circumstances and provide a safe learning environment during the pandemic. This model allows a streamlined transition into Phase 2 - where students return to school two days a week. Phase 2 is likely to be implemented later this term.

We are aware this is an ever changing and evolving situation and information changes daily. Our aim at Colo Vale PS is to make each phase as simple as possible for everyone involved.

What you need to Know.

1. When should you send your child/children to school?

From **Week 3, Monday 11th May 2020**, students are scheduled to attend school on the following days each Week according to their **SURNAME**:

Week 3 Term 2			
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
A-E	F-L	M-P	Q-Z



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Students at school at least one day per week.

- Schools have discretion for establishing which group attends on which day, with a preference to group siblings/families together.
- Families who need to send their child to school every day may continue to do so and no child will be turned away.
- Classes are split across different spaces and break times can be staggered.
- No excursions or inter-school activities.
- Continued enhanced cleaning and hygiene supply arrangements.

You can now

- Send your child/children to school one day a week.
- You are encouraged to keep your child at home for the rest of the week wherever possible.
- Check with your school to see which day of the week your child/children should attend.
- Use the school canteen and uniform shop where appropriate hygiene measures are in place.

You must continue to

- Follow your school's advice regarding changes to drop off and pick up, including staying in your car when dropping off and picking up your child/children if safe to do so.
- Maintain social distancing by avoiding gathering outside of school gates.
- Make sure your child/children have access to lunch and snacks, noting some canteens may not be operating at this stage.
- Support your child/children to continue learning at home on remote learning days.
- Communicate with your school via email and phone wherever possible
- Follow the health advice and keep your child/children at home if they are unwell.

2. How are we keeping students, staff and families safe?

There are several measures being implemented to keep everyone safe. There will be **increased daily cleaning in our school**. Cleaning and disinfecting of frequently used and high touch surfaces will take place such as iPads, computers, doorknobs, benchtops as well as student and staff toilets. Hand sanitisers will be placed into classroom spaces including the office areas and staff room. It is important that students and staff do not attend school if they are feeling unwell or sick. School Staff and Students will continue with **good hygiene** practices including: Washing hands frequently with soap or hand sanitiser, avoid touching the face, limit contact when greeting people, covering your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing with your elbow. Teachers and school staff will adhere to **social distancing** requirements and we will encourage increased physical space between students. Students should bring in their own pencils/equipment where possible and have their own drink bottle to drink out of.

3. What will students be doing when they attend school /work from home?

On their scheduled day students will be split into 3 pods in their stage groups -ES1/S1- (K/1/2), S2- (3/4) & S3- (5/6) and will be interacting with teachers in a classroom setting. Students will be participating with their peers and some of their classmates in a range of learning activities/ programs. Students may not always have their usual class teacher(s) during this phase.

On the day's students are not scheduled to attend school, they will need to continue online learning at home and access the Online Learning Grids provided by teachers on the school website or their learning platform - Seesaw/Google classroom.

For those students who are unable to stay at home, the same online learning will be provided for them at school as the students at home are engaged in.

4. What arrangements are in place for travel to and from school and Pick up / Drop offs?

Bus transport will continue as per their normal timetable and bus route.



In keeping with health advice and social distancing requirements we ask where possible that no parents enter the school playground / school grounds. Entry to our school for parents is required to be via the Office. In keeping with social distancing requirements, we ask that only ONE adult enters the school Office at a time. For drop off and pick up, we ask where possible that adults stay in their car. Teachers will walk students to the crossing gate to ensure their safety.

5. When will the canteen and Uniform shop be open?

At this point in time we are working towards a date when the school canteen and uniform shop will reopen, and we will provide you with this information as soon as a decision has been finalised.

We will continue to keep you up to date. I thank you all for your continued support including our amazing teachers and staff who continue to work tirelessly during this Covid-19 pandemic.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Kind Regard

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Relieving Principal



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