

St Francis



CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
Journey as Family in Peace through Love

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware, yesterday the Premier announced that from **Monday 11 May 2020**, students in **Prep and Year 1** will be able to return to school.

For students in Years 2 – 6, the current *Learning from Home* Program will remain in place with only children of essential workers and vulnerable children able to attend school for supervision of learning. If low COVID-19 transmission rates continue, students in **Years 2 – 6** will be able to return to school from **Monday 25 May 2020**. Confirmation of this step will be made by 15 May 2020.

It is recognised that some Prep and Year 1 parents may choose to keep their child at home due to concerns about COVID-19 and this decision is respected. As full classes have resumed in these year levels, it is not possible for the classroom teacher to provide an alternative learning from home program for students and if students are not at school, they will be marked absent. If parents choose to keep their child at home, I ask that you please notify the school in accord with usual absentee procedures.

Frequently Asked Questions are available to assist you understand how St Francis Catholic Primary School will be implementing the transition back to school-based learning. This includes hygiene practices, such as effective hand hygiene, cough and sneeze etiquette, restricting visitors to the school and reminding you to notify our school if your child will not attend.

I ask parents and carers to pay particular attention to the requirement for adults to maintain physical distancing of 1.5m at all times if you need to be on school grounds. Parents and carers should not gather in areas around the school such as carparks, at the school gate and outside classrooms during this time. Please make use of our **KISS & DROP only**. St Francis Staff will be present in the mornings and afternoons to assist in this process.

It is essential that you keep your child home from school if they are unwell. In accordance with Queensland Health Directions parents or carers of any child showing signs of illness will be asked to collect them immediately from the school.

The decision to return Kindy, Prep, Year 1, Year 11 and Year 12 back to school is an important next step towards returning to our regular school routines and I will continue to update you as soon as any new information becomes available.

Our staff have greatly appreciated all the positive feedback that has been provided to them over the last few weeks.

My sincere thanks goes to all parents and carers for your support and understanding during these challenging times. Let us continue to hold in our prayers all whose lives and livelihoods have been impacted by COVID-19 in any way.

Mrs Kathleen Watt

Principal