



11 July 2021

COVID-19 Return to Learning from Home

Dear Parents/Carers

As you are no doubt aware the NSW Premier has announced an extension to the current stay-at-home orders until midnight Friday 16 July 2021. Confirmation has also been provided that schools in Greater Sydney will be learning from home during this time. NSW Health has introduced a four-tier system to provide clarity around the restrictions that apply to schools; Week 1 Term 3 will take place under Level 4 restrictions.

NSW Department of Education		COVID-Safe School Operations		NSW GOVERNMENT
	Overview			Guidance on mask wearing
Level 1 School operating in a COVID-safe/COVID-normal way	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schools can operate in a COVID-normal way Students and staff to not attend school if they have symptoms; negative COVID-19 test required prior to returning to school Parents, carers and visitors are allowed on-site QR code check-in and check-out required for all staff and visitors COVID safety plans required in line with NSW Health advice (such as large gatherings or events) Activities such as singing, chanting, choirs, bands and school performances allowed in line with broader Health settings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inter-school sport in line with community sport guidelines Community use in line with broader Health settings SRE/SEE (externally provided religion and ethics classes) operational Community Language Schools operational P&C on site Additional cleaning measures in place Further detailed guidance available on the Department's website. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff and students are supported to wear a mask or face covering should they choose to do so.
Level 2 COVID-safe; restrictions on activities and non-essential visitors	<p>As per Level 1, except:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-essential visitors not allowed on-site (including parents and carers) Mask wearing recommendations Staff identified as vulnerable supported to work from home Activities such as singing, chanting, choirs, bands and school performances allowed in outdoor settings only Assemblies must have COVID-Safe practices in place and no parents/carers are allowed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Excursions within Local Government Area only, and strongly recommended to be outdoors and within walking distance Further detailed guidance available on the Department's website. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> While in indoor settings in schools, masks or face coverings are recommended for all staff, and all students in Year 7 and above.
Level 3 COVID-safe; further restrictions on activities and non-essential visitors	<p>As per Level 2, except:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mask wearing requirements Introduction of staggered breaks and reduced mingling of student cohorts wherever possible Activities such as singing, chanting, choirs, bands and school performances not permitted No assemblies No excursions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No community use (except early childhood services and OOSH services) No uniform shops No SRE/SEE (externally provided religion and ethics classes) No Community Language School on site Further detailed guidance available on the Department's website. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> While in indoor settings in schools, masks or face coverings are mandatory for all staff, and all students in Year 7 and above.
Level 4 Learning from home encouraged, schools are open for families who need it	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Families are encouraged to keep their children at home, with no student to be turned away Schools activate plans to support continuity of education for all students learning from home. 	<p>Where students and staff are at school, Level 3 guidelines apply, except:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No community use (except early childhood services) No canteens Further detailed guidance available on the Department's website. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> While in indoor settings in schools, masks or face coverings are mandatory for all staff, and all students in Year 7 and above.

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As at 8 July 2021

Please see the most current DoE [COVID](#)-guidelines.

At Concord West Public School, our staff have been working hard to ensure continuity of learning for our students and we are ready to commence learning from home from Tuesday 13 July 2021. Please refer to the letter that was sent home via Skoolbag on 8 July. **Please ensure that you have access to Skoolbag and your emails as we will be updating you via these platforms.**

Online lessons will commence at 9.25am on Tuesday 13 July. More detailed information around online learning instructions and guidelines will be communicated with you on Monday. Where students do not have access to a device for any part of the day, please contact the school via email concordw-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au, before 12pm on Monday 12 July, using the following template:

(Student name) in Year (insert year) does not have access to a device for any part of the day.

The school will remain open and although parents are encouraged to keep their children at home, we will be providing minimal supervision for students at school if this is not possible. Please note students at school will not be in their 2021 classes and may not be taught by their usual teacher. Students onsite will be completing the same online work as the students learning from home.

If you intend to send your child to school next week, please complete this [form](#) by Monday 12 July so that attendance can be tracked, and appropriate supervision organised.

I want to reassure you once again that the health and safety of our community is our top priority while also ensuring quality teaching, learning and support.

As was the case in 2020, the guidelines around these restrictions are unpredictable and rapidly changing. I will update all families with further information as they arise. **Please ensure that you have access to Skoolbag and your emails as we will be updating you via these platforms.**

Thank you in advance for your understanding, patience and support during this time.

Yours Sincerely

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