



# GOOD SHEPHERD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we plan for the commencement of the final term of this year and the continuation of remote learning, I would like to thank you for how understanding and supportive you have been during this incredibly difficult time.

The roadmap to return to face-to-face learning has now been updated by the NSW Government. Schools will return to face-to-face learning through a 'staged return'. Students will return to face-to-face learning with NSW Health-approved COVID-safe settings on school sites in the following order:

- from 18 October – Kindergarten and Year 1
- from 25 October – Years 2 and 6
- from 1 November – Years 3, 4 and 5.

We are very excited to be welcoming students back on site in this staggered way from the 18th October.

Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta and principals only found out about the updated timeline at the same time as the rest of the community and we will communicate our plans for the safe return of students very soon.

We will let you know the extent of the restrictions, particularly around drop off and pick up, when the levels of restrictions are clearer. What we do know is that we will go back to the strict requirements of no assemblies or sporting events.

However, until the 'staged return' to face-to-face learning commences, we ask you to please do everything possible to keep your children at home and engage in the remote learning opportunities that will be provided. Support will continue to be provided at school for the families who need it - authorised workers, vulnerable students, or those who do not have other supervision options.

Please be assured that we will continue to support your children in their learning and wellbeing during remote learning and we will provide a comprehensive overview of our return to face-to-face learning plan when we have greater clarity about the NSW Health COVID-safe settings on school sites.

Yours sincerely,

Tricia Carr  
**Principal**