#### **Return to Learn Communication Tool**

Return to Learn should be completed before Return to Play.

# STAGE 1: Restricted cognitive activity

Cognitive rest at home.

Restrict cognitive activities (i.e., schoolwork. reading, texting, video games, computer).

### STAGE 2: Gradual reintroduction of cognitive

activity

Add cognitive activities. Start with 5-15 minutes at a time. Build to a 60-minute session without a break.

#### STAGE 3: Homework at home

Add homework. Start with 20 minute sessions. Work up to the equivalent of half a school day (3-4 hours).

#### STAGE 4: School part-time\* \*inform school

Attend only quieter classes. No gym class, noisy locations, tests, or heavy backpacks. Start with half-day, work up to full day of quieter classes.

At home,15 minute homework blocks for up to 1 hour daily.

Begin gradual

return to

school

#### STAGE 5: Full days of school

Do less than 5 days if needed. Homework as tolerated. Maximum one test per day, with option of extra time to complete. No gym class.

# STAGE 6: School full-time

Resume full cognitive workload. Catch up with homework and tests.

**Physical activity:** Begin RETURN TO PLAY Communication Tool.

### **Add cognitive** activity

#### Increase stamina with self-paced activity

#### Tolerates a full day of school with modifications?

Yes: Move to Stage 5 No: Return to Stage 3 Time & date completed:

# Tolerates a full school day and a

Work up to

some full days

at school

No: Return to Stage 4

## Recovery

#### Symptom-free for 24 hours?

Yes: Begin Stage 2 No: Continue resting

Time & date completed:

#### **Tolerates cognitive** activity for 1 hour without a break?

Yes: Move to Stage 3 No: Return to Stage 1

Time & date completed:

#### **Tolerates 3-4 hours** of trial school schedule at home?

Yes: Move to Stage 4 No: Return to Stage 2

Time & date completed:

normal work load? Yes: Return to play

Time & date completed:

If symptoms reappear at any stage, go back to the previous stage. You may need to move back a stage more than once during the recovery process. Physical activity during **Return to Learn** is restricted to walking as tolerated.





