

18<sup>th</sup> May, 2020.

### **Today's communication- return to school plans.**

Dear Parents and Carers,

The news we have all been waiting for is finally upon us – *school returns*.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support through the remote learning period to ensure your children are still engaged in school while keeping safe at home. However, to ensure we continue to keep safe the plans for return are very specific from the Chief Medical Officer.

As I indicated to you recently, on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> May we have a whole school curriculum day and no students are to be on site. During this time, the school will receive a deep clean. Extend, our OSHC provider, are waiting on information from the federal government whether they will be able to offer care and will advise those using their service as soon as possible. From Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May, preps to year 2 will attend school. Years 3 to 6 will commence on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June following the public holiday. The Chief Medical Officer has advised DET that students are not required to socially distance. However, our arrangements will aim to keep students socially distanced as much as possible. Hand sanitizer is provided in every classroom and children will sanitise frequently throughout the day. Play equipment and all high touch areas are scheduled to be sanitised regularly.

**Drop off arrangements:** Students must not arrive in the grounds before 8.45 am. Students can be dropped off between 8.45 and 9.15 am at the gate or, for younger children, at the classroom. Teachers will be in their classrooms from 8.45 am and children will go straight into the classrooms; there will be no lining up. To support social distancing and keep staff and community safe, parents must leave the grounds immediately to minimise the amount of adults on site. Under no circumstances can parents enter the classrooms or any buildings. If you wish to speak to the teacher, please email or phone. If you need to go to the office, please observe signage.

**Collection arrangement:** Parents are not permitted into the buildings. Students whose surnames start with A to L can be collected from the classroom door between 3.00 – 3.15 pm and those whose surnames start with M to Z can be collected from the classroom doors from 3.15 – 3.30 pm (no early leavers pass required). Please observe social distancing and do not congregate at the classrooms. From 3.30 pm, please advise your child of a suitable location to meet your child/ren and leave the grounds immediately.

If your child/ren are unwell or have any cold-like symptoms, they must remain at home until they have recovered and you have sought medical advice. If any family member is diagnosed with Covid-19 please notify the school immediately. Note that your child/ren cannot attend school until they have a medical clearance. If your child presents with cold-like symptoms to our sick bay, you will be contacted immediately to collect your child within 30 minutes and then seek medical advice. If you are unable to collect your child within this time, please ensure you have alternative arrangements in place.

**If your child is medically compromised or you are planning on keeping your child/ren at home, please contact the school.**

If we continue to work together, we will keep our community safe. We will review the above arrangements to ensure it meets social distancing needs. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Best wishes,

Julie Gleeson.