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Reception to Year 7 - Term 2; New Advice, A New Direction

Dear Reception to Year 7 Families,

We are blessed to live in South Australia. We have much to be grateful for in this state, including the current 'flattening of the COVID19 curve.' With this successful management of COVID19, the Government messaging has significantly changed in the past 48 hours. We received notification only yesterday that families are now to return to school, encouraged to have their children on campus. This information has come directly from Professor Nicola Spurrier, Chief Public Health Officer. Please refer to her letter attached to this School Stream post for more information regarding her advice.

It is important to note that this is a substantial shift from the directive that was in place at the start of this week. At the end of Term 1, the Government directive to schools in South Australia was clear. Term 1 finished early and all teachers in South Australia were given four days to plan for Distance Learning which was to commence for all students on Monday. Most families were to conduct school from home and those essential workers who were required on their work site were able to have their children supported and supervised on the school campus. Our dynamic staff were very well prepared for this 'new version of School'.

The team have been working countless additional, unseen hours over the past 5 weeks to prepare for Distance Learning, to have plans change based on changing Government advice only days before the commencement of Term 2. We had an Annesley team Zoom meeting yesterday at 9am to discuss the changed plans for Term 2. Fortunately, Annesley's staff are dynamic, agile and can pivot in a highly effective manner as required. I am grateful for each of them as individuals and a collective. Thank you for your ongoing support and encouragement of these amazing people!

In line with Government advice, **we encourage you to return to Annesley on Monday** and we can't wait to see your children! During Week 1 of Term 2, we will be implementing the learning and teaching that has been planned for our Distance Learning program for Week 1, on the Annesley campus. This will be for all primary students in Reception – Year 7. For Week 1, we will now be offering a reduced version of Distance Learning for those families that remain at home as we anticipate a large percentage of our students will return to the School campus on Monday in line with the new advice. Detailed information regarding Week 1 Distance Learning for those working from home will be circulated shortly. Please follow normal protocol with regards to your child being absent. Please note that as we have all experienced, plans are subject to change based upon the latest Government advice. During Week 1 we will update you as to plans for Week 2 and beyond. Thank you for your patience and understanding. We are hesitant to publish detailed plans for the whole of Term 2 in the current climate of ever changing advice. It is our hope that School life will become more 'settled' in the coming weeks.

School iPads

In light of the new Government advice, School iPads will **not be sent home** as they are now needed on site at School. The collection times for School iPads tomorrow and Monday are therefore **cancelled**.

Minimising Risk

We have enhanced measures to minimise risk on our site, including;

- Heavily increased cleaning daily
- Very regular handwashing
- Staggered eating and play times
- Modified practice in class





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- Implementing social distancing measures
- Staff meetings in Gillingham Hall to allow for greater social distancing
- Use of Zoom where appropriate
- Limiting visitors to our site and heavily increasing their sign in processes
- Cancelled or postponing all School excursions and incursions, Chapel, Assembly, Co-curricular and Sports programs.

Demand for enrolment into Annesley continues to be **very high**. Our Term 2 tours will occur virtually, via Zoom, to minimise the amount of people entering our site.

Parents and Caregivers on the Annesley Site

We are focused on minimising risk for our students, staff and broader community. The measures that were in place at the end of Term 1 remain in place for the commencement of Term 2.

When dropping off and collecting your child we request parents and caregivers; *Reception*

- practice as normal but minimise time on our site

Years 1 - 7:

- utilise the Kiss and Drop zone
- only come onsite if you have an essential need

If Your Child is Sick

Please do not send your child to School if they are sick, including mild symptoms. This is to minimise the risk to them and our community.

If You Are Sick

Please do not come onto our site if you are sick, including mild symptoms. This is to minimise the risk to you and our community.

OSHC

OSHC continues to be open and available to children of parents who are essential workers. We are grateful for the support to our families provided by the Government via the Early Childhood Education and Care Relief Package whereby no fees will be charged to families for OSHC services for the period 6/4/2020 to 28/6/2020. Under the Package however, please note our funding of our OSHC service has been halved. As a result, we ask families to be mindful of the significant financial impact our OSHC service is experiencing and only book sessions where essential to your work commitments during this period. As our attendances in OSHC will be low and staffing reduced to reflect this we will temporarily relocate Before and After School Care to the Multi-purpose room in the Early Years Building, **commencing Monday Week 1**. In line with additional health practices currently in place, at this time we will not be providing afternoon snack. Instead we ask that you please pack an additional serve of food for the afternoon snack into your child's lunch box. Whole fresh fruit will be available if needed.

We will continue to update you if and when advice and plans change. We look forward to school life on our site returning to 'normal' as soon as can be. Thank you for your ongoing flexibility, support and understanding during these ever-changing times. Please note that separate information will be circulated shortly regarding the Early Learning Centre.

Kind regards,

LUKE RITCHIE
Principal

