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### 'Alert Level 2' Update

Dear Parent / Caregiver,

Further to yesterday's update, the following information outlines our plan for a safe transition back to school for all students and staff this **Thursday 9 September**.

The **key priorities** for our school will be:

- good hygiene practices
- students and staff maintaining a physical distance so that they are not breathing on or touching each other
- regular cleaning of frequently touched surfaces
- ensuring people who are feeling unwell stay away from school
- keeping track of people that come on to the school grounds.

With the above in mind, we will be putting into action our Alert Level 2 Health and Safety Plan which focuses on the safety of students, staff and any visitors on the school site. Please note, although we are not returning to 'business as usual, the majority of our routines and systems will continue as they once did. The key differences will be following recommended physical distancing, good hygiene practices and the regular cleaning of frequently touched surfaces.

Some key points to remember:

- to keep outside visitors to a minimum, we are asking parents to remain off-site unless it is absolutely necessary.
- parents dropping off or picking up their child/ren are asked to do this at a school gate. The exception being Room 1 and 3 children who may require adult support to get to class.
- any parent who needs to enter the school grounds must observe 2 metre physical distancing and scan or sign in outside the main office entrance or junior block entrance.
- If you have to enter a school building, we ask that you wear a face covering.
- children are not required to wear a face covering at school. However, any staff member or student who wishes to, will be supported to do so.
- there will be no School Assemblies until further notice. Like last year, we will create Virtual Assemblies which will be posted on Facebook.
- Heat ups, Subway, Bakery and sausage orders will continue with appropriate hygiene measures in place.
- Because of our time away, a small number of planned events have been disrupted. We will do our best to provide timely updates on any alternative arrangements made.
- the bus service will be operating with the bus company ensuring they have their own health and safety measures in place.

As mentioned in yesterday's update, our 'Learning from Home' programme ended today. Tomorrow we will continue to support the students who have been coming to school during Level 3, while staff focus on everyone returning to school on Thursday.

All school devices and chargers that were loaned for the 'Learning from Home' programme need to be returned to the Library by your child/ren this Thursday morning please.

Unless your child is unwell or has an underlying health condition, they are expected to come to school from this Thursday. Please ring the school if you are unsure about whether or not your child should be attending school at Alert Level 2.

After three weeks away, we are excited to welcome back all students this Thursday. A final thank you for your ongoing support and the wonderful work that was achieved either at home, at school or out in our community.

Regards,

Steve Wadsworth  
Principal