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Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Department of Education Updated Guidelines

In light of the Premier's announcement today, the Department of Education have mandated strict new restrictions for schools due to the current public health emergency.

I have been advised to share the following:

Parents must keep children – of all ages, across primary and secondary schooling and early childcare – **home** if they can. Students will be supported to learn from home. Schools and early childhood education and care services, including Out Of School Hours Care services are open for any child that needs it. Thank you for your support.

Principals have been directed that the school is only to have a skeleton staff onsite. If you absolutely have no alternative but to send your child to school please complete the SkoolBag eForm for every child that you are sending to school. We need to know exact numbers of students onsite so that we only have staffing for duty of care requirements. Staff who are providing supervision onsite will be wearing masks at all times, both indoors and outdoors. With the reduced numbers of teachers and students, students attending school will be socially distanced in the Kindergarten classrooms. It is essential that students who are attending school bring their own equipment. There will be no shared equipment for them to use at school.

Parents are not permitted on school grounds. Devices and work packages can no longer be picked up from school. Although this is not ideal, our students will need to do the best they can with the technology that they have at home. If you cannot share a device (phone, tablet, iPad, laptop, chromebook, X/Box, PS4, etc.) between your family, please email the school and we will try to assist. Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 teachers will be emailing their work packages out to families. If you require a paper copy we can send one via Australia Post. Please email the office and they can assist. At this time the health and wellbeing of everyone is to take precedence over all else.

Our school phones will be diverted to an office staff member who will be working from home. This may mean that it will take a few attempts to get through. We thank you for your patience. Email is the preferred method of contact and communication with the school during this time.

Once again thank you all for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,

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