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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Now that we are a week back in school after the extended closure, I want to take this opportunity to thank you most sincerely for your cooperation with the school's reopening plan and our drive to ensure a safe return for all of the boys and staff of the school. It has been wonderful to have the boys back and we look forward to the term ahead. It was also great to see the joy in their faces, meeting some of their friends they hadn't seen in so long.

While all the new precautions and routines that we have established will take time to embed into normal practice, I am happy to say that with the cooperation of all involved, our reopening has been generally working well.

However, we are well aware from experiences in schools near and far that at any time, there may be a forced part or full closure and we will need to be prepared for this. I will be issuing more information on this matter early next week.

In the meantime, there are a few points that I would like to make in relation to health and safety as well as other matters of importance.

1. We encourage anyone collecting or dropping your child to school to wear a face covering when entering the school grounds.
2. Ensure that your child has his hygiene pack available to him, (wipes, sanitiser, tissues, face cloth) during the school day to promote his personal hygiene.
3. Do not send your child to school if he is unwell. Click here for more information.
4. Do not send your child to school if any of the following is true.

Your child has:

- a temperature of 38 degrees Celsius or more
- any other common symptoms of coronavirus such as a new cough,
- loss or changed sense of taste or smell, or shortness of breath
- been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for coronavirus
- been living with someone who is unwell and may have coronavirus

5. Drop your child from 8.35am each morning.

6. Please ensure that you collect your child on time each evening. The 2.25pm collection for 1st, 2nd and 3rd classes is really important to avoid excessive pedestrian traffic at 2.30pm when the remaining classes leave.
7. Smoking is strictly prohibited on the school property.
8. Pupils should change their clothes immediately when they return home from school.
9. Please drop/collect and leave the school grounds immediately.

Reducing the number of people on the school grounds at the peak times will reduce the risk for all patrons of the school.

Other areas to bring to your attention at this time include:

1. Please ensure that you have paid your arts/crafts/insurance/school diary/book rental fees and in some classes, equipment that you would otherwise have been asked to purchase. A breakdown of individual fees can be found on the school website by clicking here.
   Access to the book rental scheme is strictly for families who have paid the fee, a small sum compared to purchasing all of the books new. Many thanks to those who have paid using the new online system. It is greatly appreciated.

   A text link to pay has already been sent to you. This will be reissued tomorrow for anyone who hasn't paid. If you are unable to pay online, we will accept cash in a marked envelope. Many thanks.

2. Please ensure that all personal belongings are labelled.
3. Register on class dojo following the instruction provided by the teacher. If you are unable to manage this, please contact the school office and we will assist you.
4. If your child is absent, please inform your son(s)' class teacher as to the reason. This should be done via Dojo. If not, please include a note in his homework diary.
5. Please return any books on the book rental scheme that were not handed back at the end of last year.

Wishing you all the best.

Sincerely,

Anthony Liddane,

Principal