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TO: The Immanuel Community

RE: **Some updates and information**

Hi Everyone,

I hope this email finds you all well. Please know that our staff prays for you all and are deeply interested and concerned for how you are all doing.

A couple of reminders and clarifications...

The 'Off-site' Learning Programme: our staff have worked really hard to refine and develop what this looks like. We have been testing and trialling and the spirit of creativity, problem solving and collaboration is fever pitched. But we know that some families are struggling to keep up or get all the tasks done. Just like we are using these weeks to learn and grow, families should do the same. Don't be too worried if you don't get to everything – we know that every child and context is different. Please feed back to your teachers any insights and thoughts you have.

We will cease uploading the learning programme this Friday and staff will use the pupil free week to continue to plan and up-skill in the event that we are told to start next term in the same manner that we have finished this term.

iGOSH and the Pupil Free Days / Holidays: a reminder that this should only be accessed by those who have no other alternative. Registration for these are through the iGOSH booking systems and we will not be charging anything on top of the CCS for the Pupil Free Days. We haven't made a determination about the holiday weeks (in terms of fees) as yet but we will soon and we will communicate that decision.

Family Income and Cash Flow: we know that this is a time of great uncertainty and some in our community have lost their jobs. Please do not let school fees add to the pressure you are already under and know that you will have our full support. Again, everyone's context and circumstance is different so we ask that you please speak with us so we can support and help you through this time. Thank you to those that have.



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Tech Support: a number of families have borrowed school devices and we encourage you to email Richie if you need help in any way. It's not too late and we are now able to offer 'extra' devices to families so they can be 1:1 for students enrolled at Immanuel. For students who have a school managed iPad (ie Yrs 4,5,6) one of the greatest strengths with the programme has all of a sudden become a liability. That is, these devices are managed by our network and so they are very safe and well managed. The downside of that is, every time we want to make a change, these devices need to be 'on-site' and so we have cycled through all of these to update them. Sincere thanks for bringing these in. However, we know that if we are 'off-site' for a prolonged period this will be a matter that will hold us back as we want to implement changes and upgrades. We are working on a solution and will advise families of our strategy and how we will implement it.

Again I want to say how impressed, proud and appreciative I have been with the way our community has responded to the current context.

Every blessing to you all.

Daryl