



21 April 2020

TO: The Immanuel Community

RE: **Some updates and information**

Hi Everyone,

I hope and pray that this email finds you all healthy and well.

In our last update on the 14 April I stated that we would be surveying families this week to find out what your intentions are regarding starting Term 2 and whether that will be 'on-site' or 'off-site'. We have left this as late as possible and your attention to this survey at your earliest convenience would be appreciated, so that we can plan and adjust appropriately. **Please complete the survey by Friday morning at the latest.**

While it remains a time of uncertainty and there are still issues that lack clarity, the following things are what we currently know (as of 3pm on Tuesday the 21st April!)

- **When:** the first day of Term 2, 2020 is still set for Monday the 27th April.
- **Who:** while there is a lack of clarity around who should and shouldn't access learning 'on-site' it is not our place as a school to make judgments or determinations about who that should or shouldn't be. It is not our place to question a parent/caregiver decision to access learning in either mode and each family has a unique context. We will fully support all families and the decisions they make to the best of our ability.
- **What:** it is our plan to start Week 1 of Term 2 with all students accessing an on-line curriculum. For those on site the care and support will be done via LSOs, Specialist teachers and executive staff members so that class teachers can concentrate on planning and delivering the curriculum. Depending on the numbers on-site we will group students accordingly. We expect that if South Australia continues its pattern of minimal infection growth and rates that families will want to return to school on-site and so we will need to be agile in how we plan for the changes. We anticipate the structure of each new week could look quite different to the previous one for a little while yet.

Some Protocols for those learning 'Off-Site

Attached to this email is a document that outlines some basic protocols for those accessing their learning 'off-site'. We know this can be quite complex and sometimes challenging as you juggle supporting your children and attending to your own duties.

We again offer support by loaning a device to anyone who doesn't have enough for a 1:1 ratio for their children learning at home. While teaching staff will connect frequently to support the learning engagements to be done at home (and they will be conscious of setting tasks that can be done as independently as possible), learning at home will require adult support from time to time (and certainly supervision.) The levels of support



needed for each child will of course vary, but we will be conscious of the issues and limitations that learning in the home environment brings. I encourage you to take the time to read the document as it gives a lot of detail about expectations and routines.

Tech Support

Students in Yr 4/5/6 who have school managed iPads need to have an upgrade made to them so that we can deploy apps/upgrades without the device needing to be on site. In order to do that we need to reconfigure the devices, so they update via the cloud which means a total re-set of them. In doing this all images/content will be deleted but we will have much greater usability for the context we now find ourselves in.

So... for families with **students in Yr 4/5/6** who **WILL NOT BE STARTING ON-SITE** on Monday 27 April, we are asking that you bring the device in some time in the morning of Wednesday 22nd / Thursday 23rd / Friday 24th April (at any time after 8.00am) and they will be ready to collect in the afternoon (or next day). The process takes about 30 mins. But please ensure all images/content that students want to keep is saved somewhere else.

iGOSH: will operate as normal with before and after school care. Please continue to use the online booking system for all bookings. This is at carebookings.com.au. All bookings need to be in by 2pm Friday of the week before. For all last minute bookings please ring or email Katrina.

Survey

Below is the link for a very quick and simple survey for families to let us know what your intentions are for the start of Term 2. We ask that you please complete as soon as possible so that we might be able to plan accordingly.

(This link has not been posted to the website. It needs to be accessed via the email that has just been sent to all families.)

Financial: Again, we reiterate that we are keen to support families who are financially struggling in the current context and that you are encouraged to contact me if we can help at all.

Sincere thanks for you continued support and encouragement as we navigate our way through the current context.

Daryl