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To: The Immanuel Gawler Community

RE: Update on Day to Day Structures and Plans

Hi all,

At the end of our first week back at school, the situation here has changed significantly from what it was at the end of Term 1 and it will continue to change in the coming weeks. This communication is to keep you informed about how our situation is changing, and what this means for learning at school and at home.

We currently have around 64% of our students back at school. Based on our survey results, by Week 2 we are expecting over 90% of students will be back on site with these numbers continuing to grow into Week 3 and beyond.

While the number of students at school and our school routines are approaching a return to normality, we are still following guidelines for physical distancing measures to the extent that this is possible. This means the following measures will continue to apply:

- We will not be gathering for assemblies, worship and praise, and other large group events
- We will avoid activities involving cross-age grouping of students
- Excursions and camps are on hold at this stage
- We continue to ask that parents/caregivers make dropping off and picking up of students as brief as possible, and avoid entering classrooms
- We will continue to promote personal hygiene and hand washing



The State Government has issued a directive for schools to open and students to return, so we are planning with this in mind:

- Our focus therefore, has moved from online to face to face teaching
- We are still committed to providing learning engagements to students at home but given that teachers will be occupied with face to face teaching our capacity to do this will be reduced in the coming weeks

This means:

- The structure of how learning engagements are provided to students at home will change and will not follow the school day schedule as it has previously
- Our ability to respond to questions or provide feedback will be reduced

These changes and the overall learning program may look different in different year levels

We recognise that the number and frequency of changes has created uncertainty and at times frustration for parents. We thank you for your support, understanding and willingness to be adaptable as we have negotiated our way through the challenges of the past couple of months, and as we continue moving forward this term.

Attached to this communique is a social story that Gail has put together for students who might be anxious about returning back to school next week (or in the near future).

Yours sincerely,

Daryl