

23rd March 2020

Community Health and Safety

Good morning everyone.

You may have heard the Prime Minister's address last night outlining a range of new social distancing measures in a bid to limit the spread of COVID-19. As you also may be aware, these measures do not apply in the school setting and that parents and caregivers have the right to choose whether to send your children to school or to keep your children at home. That being said, we have a responsibility to our children who are attending and to each other, to do as much as we can to stay healthy and minimise the risk for all.

As a result, I ask for your support with the following from today:

- Please say goodbye to your child outside the classroom, at the door. Parents and caregivers, please do not enter the classroom. Your class teacher will be outside your classroom to welcome you and your child. The only people entering the room will be the children and the relevant staff.
- As a school, we have had additional supplies of soap and sanitiser in each classroom as well as in the toilets. All classrooms also have wipes to be used repeatedly throughout the day to clean work areas, desktops, and high contact areas.
- Each class will be given an individual bar of soap in a zip lock bag for each student today as an additional measure for children to be able to use at any time. This will not be shared.
- Please ensure your child has a water bottle. The water fountains are to be used only to refill the student's bottles. Students without a bottle will be issued with a plastic cup with their name written on the outside that they can keep on their desk. The fountains will be cleaned repeatedly throughout the day however we need to reduce and ideally eliminate the use of these for drinking where we can.
- Given the limited space in our front office, the recommended social distancing measures are very difficult to achieve. If you have an enquiry or need to contact the school please do so by phone. We will have additional staff on during the morning and afternoons when we can to assist through this challenging time however your patience is appreciated.
- If you are dropping your child or children at the Breakfast Bowl, please do so and say goodbye outside the door. As the children enter, they will then wash their hands before eating.

Thank you for your ongoing support

Kind regards,

Lesley Barrett
Principal