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Dear Parents/Caregivers

I write to provide you an update on the most current advice that we have received related to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on our school.

Our school remains open during Week 10 of this term. Today the Government announced Week 11 as a Pupil Free Week. Please see attached letter for further details.

For the remainder of Term 1 our school will continue to provide learning in the following ways:

- delivery of curriculum in classrooms for students present
- correspondence with parents to support classroom learning remotely for the short term period.

We recommend using SeeSaw and/or email to communicate with class teachers at this time. Teachers will be able to keep parents informed of lesson content and curriculum expectations that can be reasonably completed in a remote setting.

Our longer term plan is to prepare for continuity of learning to be provided in the event of a prolonged school closure or student absence. I ask our families to be patient as we prepare for this significant shift in teaching and learning. Further details about this will be communicated to families as soon as possible.

You will soon receive further information from your child's class teachers with specific information regarding remote learning.

I acknowledge the difficulties that our families are experiencing at this challenging time. Rest assured that we are doing all we can to manage the safety and wellbeing of your child. I thank you for your trust and understanding.

If you have any need to speak to me about your own personal circumstances, please feel free to contact me and I will arrange to speak with you at a convenient time.

Please note, that if SA Health contacts us for a school closure due to a known COVID-19 case, I will communicate with you immediately and inform you of the steps that need to occur. We will adhere to any advice provided by health authorities.

We will also adhere to any further advice provided by government authorities and provide appropriate updates.

Catholic Education SA is providing the latest information on their website at

<https://www.cesa.catholic.edu.au/news/alerts>

Regards



James Meiksans
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