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Dear parents and carers,

As you are probably aware there has been a recent rise in COVID 19 infections across the wider community and this has been reflected at our school in the past week or so. We have had large numbers of both students and staff either testing positive or being deemed close contacts which has resulted in many members of our school community isolating at home for periods of time. The disruption that this is currently causing to teaching and learning has been substantial but we are doing all we can to ensure that the school remains operational. The staff absences are resulting in some classes being combined and minimally supervised or other classes being taught by teachers who are not the regular class teacher. Our aim is to have a teacher in front of every class, every period wherever possible to minimise this disruption.

Where a student has been absent from school as a result of COVID 19 we are encouraging students who feel well and able, to work on any missed assessment tasks from home and submit to the teacher upon return to school. However, we understand that not all students may be well enough to work from home or have access to the tools needed to complete tasks. In this case we ask students to speak with their class teachers upon return to school, who will negotiate additional time extensions, alternative tasks or estimated grades/marks if needed. All students need to make a reasonable attempt to complete set tasks and teachers will be taking into consideration the disruptions to learning when marking work so that no student will be unfairly disadvantaged. In regards to Year 10, students are still required to submit all work in order to satisfy the requirements of the ROSA but they too should discuss this with their teachers upon their return to school.

In the meantime, please continue to keep your children at home if they are showing any COVID 19 symptoms and test when required. The school only has a limited supply of RAT kits left and we will send them home before the end of the week with students whose families were previously given them. There is no discussion of any further supplies of the kits being sent to schools but they now appear to be plentiful across the community. Also continue to notify the school if your child is COVID positive or a close contact, so that they can be linked to online work and their absence is explained on our rolls.

The wellbeing of your child and the continuity of their education are our highest priorities and I really thank you for your understanding during this challenging time.

Regards,

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