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Dear Parents/Guardians and Families,

Thank you for your support throughout the Covid-19 crisis. The Senior Leadership Team at ECCS has been regularly monitoring the COVID-19 situation and has endeavoured to respond in a moderate and balanced way to help safeguard the health and wellbeing of our community.

Acting on advice from the Western Australian Health Department and the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC), the School has implemented a number of measures to make the campuses as safe as possible for staff and students to enable the phasing back of students to face to face schooling during Term 2. These measures are detailed in this letter.

After a review of the COVID-19 situation in Western Australia and taking into consideration our specific community's needs, the latest COVID-19 response plan for Emmanuel is as follows:

All students will be able to return to 'face to face' teaching from MONDAY 11th MAY

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(NB: Students will have a 2-week transition period to be in full winter uniform by the beginning of week 5)

- Parents may still keep their children at home if they choose.
(Parents should contact the school to advise if they are choosing to voluntarily keep their children at home from Monday 11th May)
- Parents/guardians who choose to keep students at home will be supported with learning on SEQTA Learn, Seesaw, and catch-up meetings afterschool can be arranged by email or Direqt Message in SEQTA with class teachers, however live MS Teams lessons will not be offered to all students when back on campus
- Sick children will not be allowed to attend school and will be sent home if they present sick at school.
- At-Home learning will be supported by teachers, but the main mode of teaching will be 'face to face' at school.
- Where applicable and achievable physical distancing measures will still be in place for students.
- Staff will continue to adhere strictly to physical distancing measures.
- All COVID-19 hygiene and enhanced cleaning practices will be in place at ECCS.
- Parents will not be allowed on campus during the day. All visitors to the School must go through administration and must adhere to the physical distancing measures and signage currently in place.

Further Information on Term 2 'stepped up' cleaning, hygiene, and physical distancing measures.

As students return in higher numbers, we will strengthen our cleaning requirements. This will include regular and frequent cleaning around both the Primary and Secondary campuses throughout the school day. We will have professional cleaning staff on site during the day to help clean high touch areas.

Universal Hygiene Practises

So that all members of the School community can return safely to school, it is important that safety measures and physical distancing are applied across the School. Included is a link to the most current advice regarding hygiene practises. We will aim to embed universal hygiene practises into all school routines, and we ask that you join in reinforcing this at home. Students must cover a cough, use a tissue when sneezing, not share food or drink bottles, wash hands regularly with soap for at least 20 seconds and use hand sanitiser when entering a classroom or returning from using sports or playground equipment. Students who are unwell will be excluded from school. All drink fountains are closed, with water bottle fillers accessible for students who must bring a water bottle to school.

<https://www.health.gov.au/news/australian-health-protection-principal-committee-ahppc-advice-on-reducing-the-potential-risk-of-covid-19-transmission-in-schools>

Social distancing/physical distancing and Venue density ruling:

Updated advice on schools was provided by the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) on 24 April 2020. It stated that AHPPC does not believe the 'venue density rule' of no more than one person per four square metres is appropriate or practical in classrooms or corridors, nor is maintaining 1.5m between students during classroom activities. However, physical distancing between staff and students and no physical contact between students should be strongly encouraged.

In summary, ECCS will maintain or implement the following from Monday 11th May:

- Increased environmental cleaning throughout the day, including high touch surfaces and playground equipment.
- Cleaning and disinfecting frequently used objects such as; computers, photocopiers and sports equipment with detergent solution or disinfectant wipes.
- As much as possible staff will increase the amount of fresh air available indoors by opening windows or adjusting air conditioning.
- Additional tissues will be provided to every classroom, with bins for used tissues emptied throughout the day.
- Adherence to universal hygiene measures, including encouraging handwashing and hand sanitiser.
- Toilets will be cleaned during the day in addition to the regular end of day schedule.
- Parents and visitors will drop students at kiss and drive areas or the front entrance for ELC and not enter grounds.
- Excursions, assemblies, camps and interschool activities will not be conducted
- Staff to physical distance from each other and the students
- Students to physically distance where practical but not required in class.
- Gatherings of more than 10 staff should not be carried out.

School Closure due to COVID-19

If there was to be a confirmed COVID-19 case at ECCS, the decision to close the School will be based on the expert advice from the WA Health Department's Chief Health Officer.

The Chief Health Officer will, if there has been a positive COVID-19 test result in any school, close the school temporarily while assessment and tracing of exposure is conducted. A thorough school clean will then be carried out to make the school safe for the return of students and staff.

In this situation, all families will be immediately contacted by the School and provided with the relevant information.

The outlined COVID-19 Response plan will be reviewed regularly by the Senior Leadership Team and minor adjustments may need to be made as the situation changes throughout the term or as directed by Government bodies.

We look forward to all of Emmanuel students being back at school.

God bless,



Gary Harris
Principal