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Dear Parents and Carers

I have had some questions from parents asking for details of the actions we have put in place at St Peter's to help keep our community safe. I hope the following information helps in your understanding of the measures currently in place.

This week we have asked teachers to put social distancing measures in their classrooms wherever possible. Many teachers are taking classes outdoors for lessons, many are moving to larger rooms where they are available. Teachers will continue to do this for the foreseeable future.

Teachers are speaking regularly to students about hand washing. In practical classes especially where equipment is being handled, time is being put aside at the end of lesson for students to wash hands. Teachers are directing them to do so at these times. Disposable gloves are also being used in some spaces where students are using equipment.

Soap quantities in student bathrooms is being monitored to ensure a sufficient supply for students to hand wash multiple times during the day.

In high traffic areas door handles are being disinfected periodically throughout the day. Extra cleaners have been engaged. Daily cleaning now includes a disinfectant wipe down and/or detergent clean of Door handles, tabletops, back of chairs, light switches and handrails in teaching spaces and common areas.

Next week we will add another layer of cleaning, directed more at the washing of equipment used by students regularly. We are still finalising the details for how this will work and when it will occur.

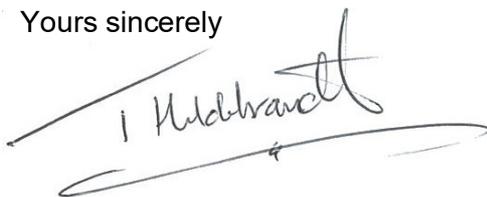
One urgent area concern for us has been the provision of hand sanitisers and detergent-impregnated wipes. Our school supply is very low, and we have been unable to source these products. We currently are working with the procurement manager at the Catholic Schools Office to obtain more of these products so they can be distributed to teaching rooms across the school.

I encourage students to bring small hand sanitisers with them to school, understanding that thorough handwashing is still the better option.

I would like to remind you that the teachers who are here with your sons and daughters everyday also have families that they go home to and who they are trying to protect. They are very aware of the potential danger to themselves and the students in their classes and are doing everything they can to ensure everyone is protected.

I thank families again for your calmness throughout this unprecedented situation. I will continue to forward information to you as I get it and answer questions from families as they are asked.

Yours sincerely



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Principal