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Dear Parents and Carers

Supporting your school community – stay COVID-Safe

I want to thank parents and carers for your incredible partnership with teachers to support your children to Learn at Home. I know we have all had to learn some new things to make this work, and this has only been possible because of your effort to embrace the situation that you have been presented with.

Public Health advice is that physical distancing between adults in the school environment is a key way to keep schools safe. What this means is that your school will need to continue to engage with you in different ways while COVID-19 restrictions are in place. Schools will look a bit different to what you are used to and we will need your help to manage this.

In response to COVID-19, schools are working hard to implement physical distancing and hygiene measures within schools. **Here are the key things we are asking for your help and support with as parents and carers:**

- Don't send your child to school if they are sick.
- Follow the school's advice about where and when to safely drop off and collect your child.

**STOP,
DROP
AND GO.**

- Respect any other requests that the school might ask for your help with – they want to make your school as safe as possible for everyone.
- Keep talking with your child about washing their hands and following any extra rules teachers might put in place to help with hygiene and physical distancing.
- Stay connected with your school by email, phone and any other platforms your school recommends. If you need to arrange a face-to-face meeting, contact your school to make a time.

Feel free to contact your school if you have any questions. These things won't be forever but we all have a shared responsibility to act in a way that supports everyone being safe.

We are looking forward to working with you for the rest of Term 2.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tim Bullard". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Tim Bullard
SECRETARY