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Dear Parents

I am happy to report that the school has continued to operate smoothly over the last week with a great deal of positive interaction between the staff and students at home and at school. We continue to cater for approximately 70% of the children at home, with only the children of out of home workers attending school.

I have had a number of phone calls from parents asking if their children can return to school and thus, I would like to reiterate the requirements of the State Government around the return of children to school. Some parents have expressed feeling guilty if they send their children to school, even though they are working out of the home for periods of time. Please note that the rulings are very clear and parents should not feel any guilt if they are working away from the home on certain days.

The Government rulings are as follows:

From the start of Term 2 until 22 May 2020 inclusive, all students will be learning from home, except for students in the following categories:

- Children of essential workers on days when they are not able to be supervised at home and no other arrangements can be made. *Essential worker means any worker who must continue to attend their workplace for essential business during this time.*
- Vulnerable children including children identified by schools/or who are currently receiving services from Child Safety, including children who are subject to a child protection order.

Basically, for example, if you and your partner both work away from the home, your children should be attending school. If you work at home for only two days of the week, then on those days, the children should remain at home and then attend school on the three days that both parents are working outside the family home.

I hope this information has placed parents' minds at ease. A huge thank you to all parents for their responsible adherence to these rules in the last two weeks.

Kind regards

Brett Pollard

Principal