



Thursday 2 April 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers

These are undoubtedly testing times for all of us, given the impact COVID-19 is having on the way we live. The health and wellbeing of our students and staff will always be our top priority. With that in mind, we have implemented some changes to protect everyone.

In addition to our normal practices (from my previous email) we have made some additional changes to protect our children and staff.

These include the following:

- as an extra precaution we have increased our cleaning throughout the day of bench tops, tabletops, toys and equipment used.
- We have removed the amount of equipment being utilised each day, such as pillows, chairs, mats, etc.
- In addition to children washing hands before snack, children must wash their hands upon arrival at the service and continuously throughout the day followed by hand sanitiser.
- Staff are monitoring social distancing where practical.
- Instead of plastic plates, we are now using disposable paper plates and cups that are disposed of after each day.

We are discouraging children from congregating in the kitchen area of the Frassati Hall as it is a small space. Children are asked to wait outside the kitchen door and wait for a staff member to attend to them.

We have cancelled all incursions in OSHC throughout the term to minimise the number of people coming into the service until further notice.

We would like to thank all parents for all waiting outside. OSHC staff will sign in and out children to minimise the traffic through the Frassati Hall, we will continue this until further notice. In addition, I will email the collection authority, photography permission and name of person collecting the child. In the past this was completed each morning, but in light of the current situation this will be emailed to you with a modified program for the Vacation Care period.

Finally, thank you to all families for your understanding, care and patience throughout these truly challenging and testing times. We pray that you all stay safe.

Kind Regards

Rita Quaini, Sasha McSkimming and the OSHC team