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Dear Emmaus families,

**Re: COVID-19 (coronavirus) update #9**

Just to keep you posted, here is the latest COVID-19 advice as it affects our Emmaus school community:

**More Social Distancing**

**1. Use Kiss and Drop – if possible**

In an effort to further support the Government's Social Distance message and to maintain everyone's health, we respectfully ask families to use the 'Kiss and Drop' in the mornings, when dropping students at school, if possible. We understand that some of our students are more anxious at the moment and this might not work. If you do need to bring your child to the classroom, we ask that you leave promptly.

**2. After school – no Playground**

Unfortunately, it is not possible to congregate with other parents after school (or before school) as it contravenes the social distancing message we are being asked to adhere to and increases the risk to our health. For this reason, we ask families to leave the school as soon as you have located all of your children.

**3. Office only for business, not thoroughfare**

To increase the safety of staff, visitors and students, we ask that you only use the office for business purposes – not for passing through. Reducing traffic through the office will help with social distancing, making our school a safer place.

**Student Absences**

If you have made the decision to keep your child/ren home, could you please let office staff know how long you anticipate your child will be away? If you have made the decision to keep your child away until the end of the term or the end of the week, please let our Admin Team know. This will reduce the administrative time spent checking in with so many families each day. If you are making this decision on a day to day basis, that's fine too. Our Admin Team will continue to check in with families they haven't heard from, daily.

**We moved our JP classes today!**

This was a cause for celebration and I know our JP students and teachers are excited to move into these temporary learning spaces. I spoke to the architect today and we are on track for a cost estimate by Friday and ready to go to tender next Tuesday! A huge thank you to JP staff who oversaw the moving of their furniture and resources today.

**Stay tuned**

Please stay informed by regularly checking for further email updates from our school. We also recommend the following sources for COVID-19 news related to Catholic Schools in SA

The CESA website Alerts page - <https://www.cesa.catholic.edu.au/alerts>

The CESA facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/CatholicEducationSA/>

**These are trying times but I must sincerely thank you all for the kindness and support you have shown the staff and myself over the last few weeks. We have appreciated every bit of it!**

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Catherine Gurr." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Catherine Gurr

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Principal

25<sup>th</sup> March 2020