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COVID-19 PANDEMIC- TERM 2 UPDATE

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have been able to enjoy the break during these challenging times.

Today we received an update regarding Term 2 from the Department for Education CEO Rick Persse. The update included:

Advice from SA Health and Australia's expert health body, AHPPC, remains unchanged. Schools, preschools and early childhood facilities are low risk environments for COVID-19 and should remain open.

*With the current low rates of infection in South Australia, we will be **encouraging students to return to their classroom for term 2.***

Parents and carers can choose to send their children to school, preschool or childcare, and feel confident that they are not placing their children at increased risk of COVID-19.

Of course, we will continue to respect the preferences of parents.

This advice is great news, as it indicates that as a state and nation, our measures to date have been successful in flattening the curve.

Please be assured that while schools are a low risk environment for COVID-19, at AAS we will continue with our measures to further reduce the risk of transmission. These include maintaining the increased cleaning schedules, adhering to stringent hygiene practices and practicing social distancing.

To ensure we have plans in place, please advise via MGM text message (0427 016460) by 4pm Thursday 23rd April, if your child/ren will or will not be returning to school on Monday 27th April.

I would again like to thank you all for your support during this time. I would also like to acknowledge the AAS staff for the considerable work they have put into planning for remote learning and thank them in advance for again adapting to further changes. I ask that students and families understand that some classes may not run exactly as they would normally and some staff will not be at school due to their own health issues. For students staying at home, we may not be able to provide the same level of on-line service that we had anticipated. As always, our aim is to work together with families to provide the best outcomes for our students.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me via email, Margaret.Roads954@schools.sa.edu.au

I am looking forward to students returning on Monday. We certainly have missed them.

Kind regards

Margaret Roads
Principal