



Monday, 23 March 2020

Dear Park Ridge Parents and Guardians,

I firstly want to thank you for your ongoing support of us, as a school, during this difficult time. I can imagine your level of concern for your family and the education of your children while our state and the world battles the spread of COVID-19.

Our school continues to put in place as many measures as possible to support a safe environment at school. We have been communicating these measures to you, on a sometimes daily basis, to ensure you are kept fully aware.

As of Monday, we will be looking at a further range of strategies under the banners of:



Where possible we will be ensuring a safe distance between students in their classroom environment and will be opening up more spaces for staff to ensure they are able to work in a staffroom environment complying with safe distance guidelines.

We have been clear with students around what they need to do to protect themselves in the playground and the classroom areas. Unfortunately we have a small group of students who - being young - are not taking these restrictions as seriously as we need them to and, as a result, placing themselves and others at risk.

We are currently in a very serious health crisis. Keeping schools open is essential to support families who would otherwise struggle, whether it be as a result of their working situation or personal family commitments. It is also vital in ensuring continual education opportunities for every child. To support the continuation of this vital service our school will need to put in place serious measures for students choosing to not adhere to our precautions.

Students who choose not to adhere to:

- the safe distances advice from our government
- tampering with hygiene facilities
- not adhering to our no-contact PRSHS policy

Will be sent home and not allowed to return until an appropriate plan is put in place with the school and the parent/guardian to ensure the safety of our entire community.

I would appreciate you re-enforcing, at home, the need for your child to adhere to these precautions. We must work together to "flatten the curve".

I am also concerned about some of our student's behaviour before school, and at the local shops. Again, the behaviours are high spirited, rather than intentionally destructive. Could I please ask you to consider the dangers of exposure to your child at a venue (local shops) that has multiple people and discuss safe behaviours to protect them and others if they choose to frequent these areas. Businesses will be hyper-vigilant in this space and will report to police poor behaviour (that can include fines); we do not want any more pressure put on our families, especially the elderly and vulnerable in our community, than already exists.

Again, thank you for your support. We could not do this without you.

[Let's do everything we can to support the ongoing opening of our schools and local businesses while keeping our children safe.](#)

Warm Regards,

Sharon Amos
Principal Park Ridge SHS