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Good afternoon parents

We have a larger number of girls who are remaining at home. Thank you for being in contact with us to indicate this decision – any actions that assist with strategies of social distance and good hygiene (regular hand washing) are appreciated.

Please bear with us if we call you to check on your child's attendance as our absence register and email communication process are under quite a degree of pressure at the moment, and we may not have received a notification from a family by the time we call you.

At this time, classes will continue for Week 9 with Friday 27 March being the final day of face-to-face instruction. We seek to provide a paper-based program for those girls who are already staying at home this week, *as well as* the paper-based program for Week 10. We hope that families already remaining at home have taken their Math, English and other school-based materials with them. For Prep to Year 6, this will make up the core of the paper-based program. We are busily developing take home kits for our very important Kindy children today.

Please be aware that we are working on the assumption that face to face learning will recommence for the start of Term 2. In the instance that we are not able to immediately return to Fairholme, I have attached our *Learning from Holme* booklet. This provides detail around processes for supporting children's continued learning, via a potential online and paper-based home program.

For your awareness, many of the classes will have trialled some online learning experiences during Week 8 and this week. This is simply to build some awareness within classes of the platform and importantly for teachers, to check the pedagogical approaches that are most effective within online learning experiences.

Our challenge and commitment is to support our:

- parents during this time of adjusted learning provision
- students to have some certainty and sense of calm
- staff to adjust the course of how we provide continued learning and social support to our students.

Can I encourage you to access the Fairholme College website for updates? Information will be shared via a range of avenues including emails, podcasts and letters. Please contact the Junior School at any time should you be unsure or have any queries.

Yours faithfully



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