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CEO Weekly Update

Welcome back

It has been so good to see your children back at school this week and I have to say that they looked happy to be back!

It has been a busy week for us as we have implemented many new routines that have required extra vigilance from our support staff. We constantly monitor and make necessary changes to procedures in order to get the most from the changes we make. This has included safety and security around using the new building at the ESC, around the new entrance at the EPC, the changes to bus operations and loading for the young children, and the cafeteria service which is still under COVID-19 regulations.

As updated in my previous letter, the new surveillance system is up and running and I can report that it is crystal clear and that we are able to provide a much greater level of safeguarding. Incidents between children will also be easier to investigate if they occur.

As a follow up clarification to last week's update about the amphitheater upgrade; all the lighting, sound systems, cabling and computer controls are new and we can also record or live stream events.

I have to make a plea which has been the same for the last three years about EPC drop off. The front of the school is a 'Kiss and Ride' zone, please do not get out of the car leaving it blocking the flow of traffic. I realise that we have a lot of new parents and that this week was the first week for all of us to come back and get used to the difficult traffic situation. There is no solution to pick up because pick-up and ride does not exist for technical reasons. I ask that we all remain courteous and helpful so that we keep collective stress levels down.

All that being said this has been a smooth start to a year and I wish to thank you all for that, staff, teachers, parents and students. You are all indeed, most welcome back.

Family AOS Account Deposit

As campus access is limited, for parents wishing to deposit money into their AOS account, please follow the wire transfer SOP. You do not need to have a local bank account to perform this task; most banks on the street are available to support such transactions. With this, we aim to start moving towards a cashless campus.





Parent Support Council Events

Parents' Welcome Coffee mornings:

September 2nd @ ESC (Secondary campus) between 8:30am - 10:00am

September 9th @ EPC (Primary campus) between 8:30am - 10:00am.

We have had a great response to the event - with registration full for ESC on Tuesday next week. With a 50 maximum on visitors allowed on site, we would ask that if you have registered but can't come on the day you remove your name from the list by Monday, so parents on the waiting list can fill these seats. Please check this [link](#) to see the registration list and ensure you are on the 50 registered visitors. If not registered, please do not just show up on the 'off chance' there is space - we won't be able to allow access, sorry.

A reminder to all community members about our COVID-19 measures, please make sure you have read our [COVID-19 School Campus Provisions](#) to familiarize with all the measures. All parents coming into the school are considered visitors and will need to complete the [Health Declaration Form](#) beforehand. If not done beforehand it can be completed on entry but may result in delays. Please remember, if you have not completed the 2 week quarantine and 1 week self-health period, then you will not be able to come on campus.

If you are not able to come we will pass along the PSC powerpoint to the parent community so you are able to know the great work the parents support council does and how you can get involved too.

Sincerely,

David Gatley
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