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Dear Parents,

RE: RETURN TO ON-SITE LEARNING – FRIDAY 4TH JUNE, 2021

The Victorian Government has announced that the 7-day lockdown which began last week, will end at 11.59pm today, Thursday 3rd June, for regional Victoria.

As such, school will return to on-site learning from tomorrow, Friday 4th June. We are excited to welcome all students back to school!

I wish to thank all students, parents and staff for their efforts over the past week during remote learning. Once again, I have been extremely proud of the contribution all in our school community have made to ensuring that this period has been as successful as possible.

Please note that with the current Covid-19 situation ***there are some significant changes to school operations***. I ask that parents please see over the page for a list of the key Covid-Safe arrangements that will apply from tomorrow, Friday 4th June.

Please feel free to contact me at the school if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

Jason Cox

Principal

KEY COVID-SAFE ARRANGEMENTS FOR SCHOOLS FROM FRIDAY 4th JUNE, 2021

As per the advice of the Chief Health Officer

- It continues to remain important that students **do not attend school when unwell**. The most important action school communities can take to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19, is to ensure that any unwell staff and students remain at home and get tested, even with the mildest of symptoms.
- Access to the school is limited to **essential visitors only** at this time. This means that parents should not enter the school site when dropping off or collecting their child unless absolutely necessary. We ask parents to first contact the school by phone if needing to visit the school.
- The wearing of **face masks** remains mandatory for people over the age of 12 when indoors, including at the school. As such, I ask that parents please wear a fitted face mask if needing to visit the school. Please note that primary school children are not required to wear a mask; and that school staff are not required to wear a mask when teaching, communicating with or caring for students.
- All staff, students and visitors to schools should undertake **regular hand hygiene**, particularly on arrival to school, before and after eating, after blowing their nose, coughing, sneezing or using the toilet. Our staff will continue to teach and encourage the students to practise good hygiene.
- The sharing of food is not permitted.
- All staff, students and visitors should use **non-contact greetings** (not shaking hands, hugging or kissing). At Goornong PS we are in the habit now of doing a 'foot five'.
- Visitors continue to be required to sign-in when visiting the school so support **contact tracing**. This can be done by either scanning the QR code with the Service Victoria App on your smart device, or by filling in the sign-in book at the reception desk.
- **Physical distancing** (1.5m) from other adults continues to be required in both indoor and outdoor environments, including when at the school. Where physical distancing cannot be maintained outdoors, then masks need to be worn.
- **Excursions and incursions** are not permitted at this time. Unfortunately, this means that the Cluster Winter Sports scheduled for this coming Wednesday has been postponed.
- We are able to hold whole school **assemblies**. However, only students and staff are able to attend at this time.