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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Yesterday, The Hon. Mr John Gardner, MP Minister for Education and Mr Rick Persse, the Chief Executive of the Department for Education, announced a revised position on schools for term 2. Outlined below is this revised position.

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. If they don't feel comfortable sending their children to school or preschool for whatever reason, they won't be obliged to. Please continue your remote learning offering for students learning from home.

Le Fevre High School respects, that during this pandemic, parents will decide what option they believe best suits the health needs of their children and family. The decision on whether to send their child/children to school or engage in learning from home can only be made by parents/caregivers. The intention of the school is to support students learning at school and those learning at home. Please note that Daymap will continue to be our predominant learner management system.

In preparation for term 2 the school has considered a number of models to provide continuity of learning.

1. Attendance onsite is more than 50 students but less than 50% of the school:
 - Teachers and students will attend their normal classroom for their schedule lessons
 - All students in the lesson, home or on site will be supported to engage in the home based learning program for that subject by their subject teacher.
 - Teachers will monitor the engagement of students on their class roll and communicate with parents/caregiver if there are any concerns.

2. Attendance on site is very low across the school for a few days (less than 50 students),
 - Learning Centres will be set-up in some of our larger spaces to enable social distancing.
 - All students in the lesson, home or on site will be supported to engage in the home based learning program by teachers.



- Teachers will monitor the engagement of students on their class roll and communicate with parents/caregiver if there are any concerns.
3. More than 50% of students are attending onsite,
- Face to face lessons will run and Daymap will be used as it normally is.
 - Communication with parents/caregivers will continue as it normally does.
4. In the event of a forced closure*:
- All students will be learning from home. They will be supported by their subject teachers to engage in their home based learning programs.
 - Teachers will monitor the engagement of students on their class roll and communicate with parents/caregiver if there are any concerns.

NOTE:

- * A forced closure is due to a case of confirmed COVID 19 on site and the school is closed for cleaning.
- * A forced closure also covers a directive from the department that schools will close.

The school will commence with model 1 on the first day of term 2. However, we will be monitoring engagement in learning at school, to determine if we need to implement a different model of the 4 outlined above. We will communicate any change via a Daymap message, a text message, on our website and on the LFHS Facebook page to ensure we reach all families.

As the school developed plans for those students learning at home, we recognise that for some families access to technology in the form of a laptop and, in some cases, the internet was likely to be problematic. We are attempting to address this for families in genuine need. As demand for a laptop is high, we will be initially prioritising the issuing of laptops to our senior school students (year 10 to 12). Once this has occurred, we will begin issuing to students in years 8 and 9.

In week 1 of Term 2, laptops and other technologies will be available for collection from the school for those families in genuine need that have registered their interest. The school will communicate further via a text message when this collection will occur. Upon collection, a parent or caregiver will need to sign a user agreement form before a laptop is issued.

Hard copy materials for those students requiring this form of support can be collected as of day 1 term 2 from Student Services.

If you have any further questions, please email the school on: dl.0814_info@schools.sa.edu.au

Yours sincerely,

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