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Preschool to Year 6

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Dear Playgroup Families,

I hope this letter finds you well. Wow! What a start to the 2022 school year!

As you know, we paused our Playgroup program as we navigated the staggered start to the school year. I am so pleased to let you know that Playgroup is able to return from Week 5, beginning Friday March 4th, 2022.

Keeping our Community Safe

We are implementing a number of important measures to ensure that our playgroup families and staff continue to be kept safe. In addition to minimise the spread of COVID as much as possible, these measures also lower the risk of becoming a close contact as defined by SA Health. Key measures are outlined below and will be in place until further notice:

- Please do not attend Playgroup if you or your child are unwell or have COVID symptoms, even if they are mild, or if you or your child have been told to isolate by SA Health.
- Playgroup will be held predominantly outside – we have plenty of morning shade, but please be prepared and be sunsmart.
- Adults must wear a mask at all times – inside and outside.
- Please sanitise on arrival, and/or wash your hands as needed after activities.
- Adults are to refrain from eating and drinking during Playgroup to avoid face masks being removed for long periods of time. Please use your discretion to allow for necessary hydration.
- Snack time will occur for children but will be held outside and all children/families must be distanced from other family groups and are asked to wash or sanitise their hands prior to eating.
- Families are asked to maintain physical distance of 1.5 metres from other family groups.
- Families are asked to not spend more than 15 minutes at one activity or in the company of another Playgroup family to avoid being considered a close contact (staff will support with the timing of this in a fun way).
- Where possible, please bring correct money to Playgroup to avoid having to handle change.



If a child or parent attending Playgroup tests positive to COVID

It is imperative that should you or your child test positive to COVID and you have been at Playgroup during your infectious period, that you contact the school on 8245 5800 or via email info@smms.catholic.edu.au This enables us to communicate effectively with both staff and families.

Should a child test positive and be infectious whilst at Playgroup:

- Your child will be considered as 'classroom contact', and will need to monitor for symptoms. They can continue to attend if they do not have symptoms.
- The family member/adult will be treated under the general community close contact rules. *(this should be avoided by ensuring our activities are outside where possible, families are not inside for more than 15 minutes, when masks are worn all the time and when social distancing is adhered to).*

Should an adult/parent test positive and be infectious whilst at Playgroup:

- The adults attending will be treated under the general community close contact rules *(this should be avoided by ensuring our activities are outside where possible, families are not inside for more than 15 minutes, when masks are worn all the time and when social distancing is adhered to).*
- Your child will be considered a 'classroom contact', and will need to monitor for symptoms. They can continue to attend if they do not have symptoms.

We thank all of our families in advance for your patience, support and cooperation as we continue to navigate these changes together.

Please don't hesitate to contact the school with any questions, concerns, or ideas you may have for our Playgroup on 8245 5800 or info@smms.catholic.edu.au We look forward to welcoming you back onsite.

Thank you and kind regards,

Vicky Manalo

Playgroup Coordinator