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Dear Parents and Guardians of The Ladies' College

I hope you are well, and your children have survived Day 2 of fire break lockdown.

You will be aware from today's 16:30 briefing that we are required to:

- continue with the fire break provision for the remainder of this week
- ensure that we take all steps to avoid any unnecessary access to the site. No decisions about next week have been taken.
- continue to deep clean the site.
- Prevent pupils, students or adults visiting the site. (The exception to this is ONLY to collect devices, absolutely nothing else).

The latest States' communication is attached for your information. Mr Henderson and Dr Mitchell will contact Senior School and Sixth Form students shortly after this letter is sent to you.

I understand the challenges linked to working from home, for the children, for parents and also for colleagues, some of whom also have their children at home too. I am grateful that we have made the transition to remote learning effectively and the time to adjust and adapt, especially as we increase the time of the fire break, is not insignificant for anyone.

Several parents have already been in touch to say how grateful they are. Thank you. This is appreciated and heartening for colleagues. Equally, if you have concerns about your child or what is being asked of your them, please do get in touch, if urgent as we try to settle to the new normal.

You may be aware of cases being identified on the island and that you, or your child may have had contact with these people. In effect we have lockdown which prevents the spread of further infection, but I hope the following information is helpful to you? At the time of drafting, I am unaware of any direct confirmed cases.

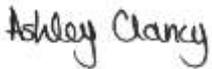
Key advice is as follows:

- Contacts of a confirmed case must self-isolate for 14 days, irrespective of receiving a negative test result.
- If a member of staff is isolating with their family, the contact will be tested on day 13 and the whole family can leave self-isolation when the contact receives the result of a negative swab.

- Individuals who have been swabbed as part of a wider cohort can leave isolation upon receipt of a negative swab.
- If an individual receives a negative swab from a wider cohort test but is confident they are a close contact of a case, i.e. they work with the case and have worked in very close proximity (under 2 metres) to them since they became symptomatic, they should stay in isolation and the Public Health Contact Tracing Team will be in touch with them as soon as possible. (Please note that this only applies to adults as children will find it difficult to determine if they are a close contact)

I have little doubt of the need to write to you again, yet hope that brings you up to speed with where we are at The Ladies' College, for the moment!

Stay safe, stay well, stay in touch.



Ashley Clancy  
**Principal**