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Dear Alex Family Members

Routines and disruptions

As we get into our routines for the term, we face a few logistical challenges. While it is no longer a surprise to wrestle with logistics, I take great comfort in the routines that seem to give the school more of a serene atmosphere. Being able to know what will happen next without having to panic about reading the latest disaster management act publication, is a real treat.

We have Liquid Telecom digging up the paving in Alexander Road. Please accept my apologies for any disruption to the traffic flow and parking. They should be done by early next week.

Our plan to hold our 2020 Celebration of Excellence could potentially disrupt your transport logistics. If you refer to version 3 of the academic days document (<https://bit.ly/3uVJeWl>), you will note that Wednesday 17 March is not an academic day. The implications of this are that 16 March is a Green day 4 and 18 March is a Blue Day 5. If you have children at other schools with synchronised transport arrangements, we will then be out of synch from 18 March onward. It is very important to us that we do not miss any academic days. This is the parameter that has led to our planning the schedule in this manner. You will notice a similar effect round the public holidays that fall on weekdays.

We would like to return to school uniform from the beginning of April. I am aware that there are some supply issues with specific sizes of particular garments. Please could you check your child's uniform and start preparations for the return. If you are not able to source particular garments, then please notify the Grade Heads of the issue and they will write a letter for your child to carry with them explaining the situation until it can be remedied.

Summer sport has come to an end today and we will be starting with our winter sport programme on Monday. Please encourage your children to participate in one of our many sports. There are so many benefits to adding physical activity to the week. We still do not have permission to engage in full contact sport. We will be conditioning and conducting upskilling and fitness sessions until we get permission to return to full sport activity.

We are holding our Grade 8 'outing' on Tuesday next week. I have put the title of the day in quotes because we normally we take all the Grade 8s down to the Willows Resort and spend the day at the beach. The Willows is not allowed to admit so many people at once, so our outing is going to be hosted at school. All the Grade 8s from both colour groups will join us. The most important part of the day is the meeting of the blue and green groups who have only ever seen each other on the orientation day. Please take note of the letter that was sent home regarding the outing. If your letter is buried at the bottom of a school bag, I have put a copy on the school web site for you.

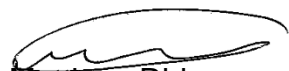
A reminder about the SGB elections, which are due to take place on Wednesday next week at 17H30 in the hall. If you are keen to stand for election or if you would like to nominate someone for election, please find the nomination form on our downloads page (<https://bit.ly/3qk8oKl>) or pop in at school for a paper version

There is a possibility that we will not get 15% of our parent body to attend next week Wednesday. Without a quorum, we will not be able to proceed. The rules dictate that the next meeting should be between 7 and 14 days later. I have already scheduled the 18 March for the next meeting. At the meeting on 18 March, we will no longer need to achieve a quorum in order to proceed with election. I have uploaded a copy of the SGB charter that I will be asking the new SGB members to sign. If you are unsure about the role of the SGB, looking at this charter might help you see what it is all about.

We have a vacancy on our estate team for an assistant estate manager. We have a significant area of ground and many buildings requiring numerous systems to work perfectly at times of high demand. We are also working hard to reduce our carbon footprint and to achieve a sustainable system. We are looking for someone to support our very capable estate manager in this hard-working team. If you are keen to apply or know of someone who would be suitable for the role, please follow this link to the advert. <https://bit.ly/3rmk7db>

Please keep yourself and your loved ones safe and serene this week, despite disruptions.

Yours faithfully



Matthew Ridgway
Principal