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Good morning, parents

Thank you to all of you who have already joined the newly created, class-specific WhatsApp groups.

WhatsApp seems to be the preferred communication platform at the moment, especially during this time when many parents might not have access to work email addresses. However, besides WhatsApp, we will continue using email, Facebook and our website to ensure that everyone receives our communication.

All St Patrick's CBC Coronavirus updates sent out to date are available on our website (www.stpatricks.co.za). The purpose of the WhatsApp groups is for St Patrick's CBC to be able to guide you through this period, which at this point might look uncertain and confusing. We want the school-aspect to be the least of your concerns.

Please remember, there is no academic emergency at this stage, so don't be quick to start home-schooling. We are all stressed and tired. Stressed adults cannot teach stressed children. For now, try to focus on family time and comforting your kids. That is what they need at this stage.

We are in this together. The biggest gift you can give yourself and others, is to practice social distancing. Think twice before you go anywhere, and please leave your children at home with adult supervision. That is where they are safest.

I will be interviewed regarding the school's plan for this period on Radio Teemaneng Stereo on Wednesday, 25 March 2020 from 19h00 to 20h00. You can livestream the interview by clicking on this link: <http://ndstream.net/teemaneng/new/pc.htm>.

More communication will follow.

Warm regards

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EXECUTIVE HEAD