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**Dear Families** 

I hope this letter finds you well.

As you know, we paused our community programs as we navigated the staggered start to the school year. I am pleased to let you know that Playgroup will return from week 5, beginning Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

## Keeping our Community Safe

We are implementing a number of important measures to ensure that our playgroup families and staff continue to be 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 place in 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 as much as possible outdoors please be prepared to be SunSmart.
- Please sanitise on arrival, and/or wash your hands as needed after activities.
- 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 wear a mask at all times and 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.

## If a child or parent attending playgroup test 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 me on 8249 4900 or via email <u>carmelina.cavuoto@sjb.catholic.edu</u>. This will enable us to communicate effectively with both staff and families.

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

- The 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 adult attending will be treated under the general community close contact rule (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).
- The 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 me with any questions or concerns on <u>carmelina.cavuoto@sjb.catholic.edu.au</u>. We look forward to welcoming you back onsite.

Thank you and kind regards,

Carmelina Cavuoto Playgroup Co-ordinator