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Dear Families,

I am writing again to update you on St. Martin's response concerning the COVID-19. Our number one priority is to ensure the safety and well-being of your children while they are under our care.

We continue to monitor all relevant and credible information on COVID-19 and the potential impact it is having in our county and its schools. Today, we engaged virtually with 130 school leaders and officials from AIMS (Association of Independent Maryland Schools) to ensure we are in alignment with that group's extensive [guidance regarding COVID-19](#). We intend to follow plans and protocols issued from Anne Arundel County Public Schools, and act accordingly as more information develops.

As this situation is evolving, here are some specific measures being taken at St. Martin's as well as reminders:

- Hand-washing practices have been actively heightened at school. We have stopped shaking hands at drop-off.
- Disinfectant wipes and hand sanitizer are readily accessible and prominent in each classroom and office.
- Cleaning of touch points (handles, rails, light switches, etc.) are being doubly cleaned by both our staff and our professional cleaning company.
- In the event of a cancellation of school, teachers are taking time to plan for distance-learning from preschool through middle school. This will look different for each of our three age divisions. Our promise will be to deliver a continuous learning experience for all students if we are to close.
- Please keep your child home if they show any signs of flu-like symptoms. They must be fever-free for 24 hours before returning to school.
- We are asking for family members to exercise caution and judgement should travel occur in one of the affected domestic or international areas (Warning Level 3 or Alert Level 2). We ask for your disclosure in that situation as well as any situation in which you or someone connected to your child may have experienced exposure. Finally, if there has been testing, we ask for your disclosure here as well. Please report that information to Jan Wilder, the Office Manager.

Please continue to monitor our communications, as this is ever-evolving, uncertain, and complex. We will respond accordingly based on the information and guidance we are receiving.

Thank you for your patience and understanding,

Jamey Hein

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