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To the Parents/Guardians of Martha Currie Students,

As we wind down the third week of our new reality, we are happy to hear that many of our families and classes are starting to find some routines that work for them. We acknowledge that every family situation is unique, so there are still challenges that many of you are facing, but, as always, we are here to help! Please feel free to reach out to your teacher, our counsellors, or us if there is anything we can do to help support you or our students.

With that in mind, please find attached a brochure from Family Smarts. This is a free service for families and guardians who are parenting a child or youth with a mental health challenge.

In the midst of all this, we wanted to share some good news stories:

First of all, the new Gagaball Court is ready. Unfortunately, all school playgrounds are still out of bounds, but, when students do return, they will have another apparatus to play in. Thank you to our awesome PAC for funding this.

Congratulations to **Ms. E. Morales** (E.A) for getting married last week!

We would like to welcome **Ms. B. Okyere** back to our staff from her Leave. She works as an Intermediate Prep Teacher for some classes. We would also like to give a big thank you to **Ms. K. Albertson** for the fantastic work she did during the Leave. We are proud that a former student of Mr. Samra has done such good work!

For the sake of keeping you updated with school events, we wanted to let you know that the Fruit and Veggie program at Martha Currie has been cancelled for the rest of the year.

Finally, please remember that this new environment presents a learning curve for all of us! Thank you to the parents who have reached out to let the staff know their hard work is appreciated but also recognize that we have to learn on the fly how to do all this. In the same light, please know that we respect the efforts our families and students are putting in but also recognize how difficult your job is. We want the best for our students, but we also need them to be happy, so please keep doing the best you can- that is all anyone can ask for!

Sincerely,
Bobby Samra and Rachel Ladd
(Principal) (Vice-Principal)