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Dear Parents and Students,

It has been a year since we first started to experience the impact of Covid-19. We have all experienced so many unusual things during this time. From the early days of food rationing, everyday product shortages, and the total disruption of normal life to social distancing, quarantining, and mask wearing, the pandemic has affected everyone. Many people have been touched by the loss of a loved one or friend. Some people are dealing with the trauma of lasting health issues from Covid or anxieties related to the pandemic.

During this week we have spent time reflecting on the many changes that have occurred during this past year. A year ago very few people had heard of Zoom, now we meet this way often. Our teaching staff and students have had to develop a totally new way of teaching and learning. Our school which has traditionally been open to parent visitors has been more restricted. Classes are isolating more than ever. Chatfield students have individual desks and are socially distanced and not gathering in large groups. Many more changes have been implemented to keep everyone as safe as we can from the virus. We appreciate all the sacrifices that have been made to allow Chatfield School to remain in face to face instruction as much as possible. We also appreciate the parents that have supported their children's virtual/remote learning when quarantine has been necessary.

We are starting to experience a lot of "Pandemic Fatigue". Everyone is feeling this way. It is vitally important that we remain diligent and not give into the temptations to forgo all of the safety measures that we have in place. Covid-19 is still very present in our community and we do not want to see another surge that could limit our ability to remain in face to face instruction. Though many teachers are in the process of vaccinations, most parents have yet to be vaccinated and there is no timeline for when children may have the option to be vaccinated. We are asking that you work with us and continue to follow all of the safety guidelines that we put in place at the beginning of the school year. Please continue to do the following:

- Be diligent and continue to monitor for symptoms.
 - Fever/Chills
 - Loss of taste or smell
 - Cough/difficulty breathing
 - Diarrhea/vomiting



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-Sore throat

-Severe headache or fatigue

- Keep students home when symptoms are present and then an additional 24 hours symptom free.
- Quarantine if you travel to places where you or your children may have been exposed to Covid-19. Students should stay home 10 days after travel to certain areas/events.

We know that as the weather turns nice and Spring Break arrives, many will be traveling. We ask that you continue to practice proven safety protocols. We know that if we all work together and don't give into pandemic fatigue we can hopefully have a more normal end of the school year and a traditional start to the new school year. This can only happen if we as a school community do the right thing.

Please stay strong and stay safe. We are all in this together.

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