

29 January 2020

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Coronavirus - Ongoing situation

We are monitoring the situation in China closely with regards to the concerns around a potentially pandemic virus. We have detailed procedures in place for the incidence of infectious diseases, and we have visited them with our staff on our return to school. We are also monitoring Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, and Safe Travel NZ sites to ensure we have access to the most up-to-date information and advisories. During the 2019 measles outbreak, schools received regular updates from these organisations.

As with all infectious diseases, and in line with our existing procedures, we have the following steps in place;

- Strong hygiene and cleaning practices in place during school time and by school cleaners
- Reminders for students and staff about good personal hygiene practice
- Monitoring students for symptoms of fever, runny nose, headache, cough, sore throat, faint, muscle ache, other general unwell feeling and contacting parents if these are present. **If you are contacted by the School, it is imperative that you collect your child immediately.**
- Reminding children about not sharing food

As with all illness in a school/community setting, children and adults are advised not to come to school if they are unwell.

We know that a number of families have travelled overseas during the school break or have recently arrived in NZ. If you have travelled to or arrived from any of the following countries with confirmed cases of coronavirus (China, Thailand, Taiwan, Japan, Singapore, South Korea, Vietnam, the United States, France, Australia, Malaysia, Nepal and Canada) we respectfully request that your child remain absent from school until they have been back in New Zealand (and without any flu-like symptoms) for 14 days.

If you keep your child at home please notify the school of your child's absence from school in the usual way, and advise the country travelled from, and date of arrival in New Zealand.

If you have a particular concern regarding the coronavirus, please contact Healthline at **0800 611 116** or your GP for medical advice. Healthline has translators and interpreters available **24/7 in 150 languages** and they do have Mandarin and Cantonese speaking staff available.

Nga mihi nui

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