



31 January 2020

Dear Families,

A note to assure that we continue to follow and implement all Department guidelines in relation to the coronavirus.

Please find below the latest government update and changes to the previous communication advice for our community.

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/departments/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

The recommendation is that staff/parents/guardians/carers of students should ensure that any student is isolated at home and should not attend school for 14 days:

- Following exposure to any confirmed novel coronavirus case; or
- After leaving Hubei Province.

The Chief Health Officer's current advice is that staff and students do not need to be isolated at home if they have recently travelled in other parts of China or other countries and are not showing any symptoms of the virus.

Our school does not have any confirmed cases of coronavirus and are unaware of any families who have travelled to the Hubei Province in China.

For parents or children who experience flu-like symptoms AND have travelled over the break, or had close contact with a confirmed case:

- Seek medical advice for any children in your care who experience fever and respiratory symptoms (including but not limited to cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, body aches or fatigue) AND have recently travelled or had close contact with a confirmed case in the 14 days before of the onset of illness. Call ahead to notify the medical practitioner of recent travel; and
- Contact the Department of Health and Human Services on 1300 651 160.

We will continue to follow all department guidelines to ensure the safety of our students, families and the broader community.

If you have any concerns regarding the coronavirus you can contact DHHS hotline on 1300 651 160.

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