



Dear Parents/Carers

Principals are being regularly advised and updated by the Department of Education and the Department of Health as we are monitoring the COVID 19 situation, as I'm sure you are also. We are remaining "alert, but not alarmed".

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Who Cannot Attend School

Students or staff cannot attend school and need to self-quarantine if they have:

- a) left or transited through mainland China in the last 14 days, they must isolate themselves for 14 days from the date of leaving mainland China;
- b) left or transited through Iran on or after 1 March, they must isolate themselves for 14 days after leaving Iran;
- c) left or transited through the Republic of Korea, on or after 5 March, they must isolate themselves for 14 days after leaving the Republic of Korea;
- d) left or transited through Italy in the last 14 days, they must isolate themselves for 14 days from the date of leaving Italy;
- e) been informed by public health authorities that they have been in close contact with a confirmed case of coronavirus, they must isolate themselves for 14 days after the date of last contact with the confirmed case.

Students or staff who have been tested for COVID-19 should follow the advice of the Department of Health and stay away from school whilst awaiting results.

The above also applies to all parents/carers, contractors, visitors and volunteers to our school site.

The most up to date list can be accessed at:

<https://www1.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/ohp-covid-19-countries.htm>

NB: Parents/carers should notify us if your child will be away for the isolation period and confirm the date in which they were last in mainland China, Iran, the Republic of Korea, Italy or any other country of concern. A medical certificate is not required to return to school. We will record student absence as a "reasonable" absence.

PROTECTION AGAINST COVID-19

- Frequently washing your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, or using an alcohol-based hand gel
- Refraining from touching mouth and nose
- If coughing or sneezing, covering your nose and mouth with a paper tissue or flexed elbow
- Dispose of the tissue immediately after use and perform hand hygiene
- Avoiding close contact with anyone if you, or they, have a cold or flu-like symptoms (maintain a distance of at least 1 metre)

There are help lines set up for COVID 19 enquiries at 1800 020 080 or at www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/coronavirus.

Do not hesitate to call me if you have any queries relating to your child and COVID 19.

Kind regards

Bernadette Jones, Principal