

Dear Parents and Caregivers

As you are no doubt aware, New Zealand has had its first confirmed case of Coronavirus (COVID-19).

At this stage, the likelihood of a wide-spread outbreak is deemed low to moderate.

As a school, we are concerned about keeping our community safe and we are taking advice from the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education.

We have supplied our classrooms with hand sanitiser and tissues. We have established a team that will continue to closely monitor developments and we are taking precautionary steps to keep our community well. As information is changing daily, you can check information at [www.health.govt.nz](http://www.health.govt.nz)

If you have arrived or transited through mainland China, Iran, Northern Italy or South Korea; or have been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19, please self-isolate for 14 days and register with Healthline on the COVID-19 dedicated number 0800 358 3453. If this applies to your child, please let the school know so that we can provide learning to be completed at home.

At the beginning of each day teachers will be talking to learners about hand hygiene and appropriate cough/sneeze techniques.

Please reinforce the following at home:

- Frequent hand-washing with soap and water or hand sanitiser.
- Coughing or sneezing into a tissue and disposing of the tissue in a bin.
- Coughing into your elbow.
- Washing your hands after coughing, sneezing and blowing your nose.
- Avoiding close contact with people who have cold/flu-like symptoms.

We ask that if your child is unwell, you keep them at home. If your child presents to the health clinic with heavy colds or flu-like illness, they will be sent home.

We will continue to monitor this evolving situation and will continue to follow advice from the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education.

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James Thomas  
Principal