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Dear Parents

This email is to keep you up to date with the latest on the coronavirus. As always, our priority is the health and safety of our community, so we are now planning for various possibilities.

We have a [page on our website](#) where you can find up to date information on coronavirus provided by our School and various government agencies. You can also access this page via our App under Links.

Due to the ever-changing nature of this situation our advice to you may change, and in some cases within very short timeframes. We will send email and/or App notifications to you when changes or events occur that directly impact our community. All relevant information will also be posted on [our website](#) for easy reference.

For those families who are planning overseas travel, including during the Easter break, please be mindful of our return to school and quarantine requirements detailed on the webpage [here](#).

As part of our contingency planning, we are working on various scenarios. These range from precautionary hygiene procedures for students and staff, to a possible full school closure due to a government directive or significant staff and/or student illness. We hope the latter doesn't happen; however we must be prepared.

We have gathered some recommendations from various health organisations we thought we would share with you. They are:

- If you or a family member has a compromised respiratory or immune system, self-quarantine is the safest option if there is confirmed case of coronavirus at the school.
- Frequently wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and dry well with paper towel or air dryer. Hand sanitiser is also effective.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Avoid shaking hands and/or kissing hello.
- Cough and sneeze into a tissue and place in a bin, or use the crook of your arm if a tissue isn't available. Don't sneeze or cough into your hands.
- Stay at home if you have cold or flu symptoms.
- Consider a flu vaccination (note - flu vaccinations won't be available until mid-April at the earliest).

The above recommendations are not only effective and proactive defences with regard to the coronavirus, but with the upcoming flu season they may help to contain the spread of influenza and other viruses. They are sensible and simple things we can all do.

We are currently providing all classrooms and other common areas with hand

sanitiser, tissues and medical grade disinfectant spray for surfaces.

Please visit our [coronavirus web page](#) frequently in the coming weeks for updates, and we will continue to communicate with you personally as we receive new information that directly impacts our community.

Yours sincerely

School Leadership Team