

# Coronavirus Information



28th January 2020

## DEAR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS,

You will be aware of the worsening Coronavirus situation in China. The Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education are monitoring the situation closely and if any public health measures are required for managing this virus, we will keep you fully informed and implement any required procedures or protocols here at school.

We have a number of students and families who have traveled over the holidays, to the affected countries. The Ministry of Health has advised that the incubation period for Coronavirus is 14 days and that symptoms may not appear immediately. As such, we are taking the following precautions:

### Students and families who have visited the affected countries:

- We ask that students and families who have visited the affected countries **stay away from school for 14 days after arrival back in New Zealand.** Anyone who has experienced cold or flu like symptoms during this time will be required to provide medical information to ensure they are free from contagious illnesses, before returning to school.

- This includes all students, families and staff who have arrived back in New Zealand from **Monday 20 January onwards**, and covers travel from China and other affected countries (although this is a dynamic situation and changing daily, the map to the right highlights those countries affected as at 26th of January). If children have not travelled, but live in a home with others who have, this also applies to them as we need to be sure they have not been exposed to illness during this period of time.

Please contact the school via the usual methods to report your child's absence from school. We ask that when you do, you also let us know where you have traveled and your arrival date back in New Zealand.

### Additional Precautions:

So that we can keep ahead of the changing locations the virus is moving, we have set up a form for parents to complete, to advise us of your holiday travel during the Xmas break. We ask that you fill this in if you have traveled overseas to any other country over the holidays. Please click [HERE](#) to complete this.



The Ministry of Health advises that as with all respiratory illnesses, people can take steps to reduce their risk of infection. This includes regularly washing hands, covering your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze, staying home when you are sick and avoiding contact with others who are unwell with cold or flu-like symptoms. We encourage you to reiterate good hygiene practices with your children and will do the same here at school.

As per usual, any students who display cold or flu-like symptoms at school, will be sent home.

For more information about Coronavirus and the symptoms to look out for, please see the link below from the Ministry of Health:

<https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov>

We will continue to update our school community in the same way as with the measles outbreak in 2019.

We thank you for your support.

***Susannah Fowler, PRINCIPAL***