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Dear SDBS Community

While the situation regarding the COVID-19 continues to evolve, the Department of Education has established plans and a team to support principals and schools. It is important that as a school community we apply common sense, factual information and a practical approach to COVID – 19.

If a WA school has to close due to a confirmed case, it will be on advice from the WA Health Department's Chief Health Officer. If there has been a positive COVID-19 test result in our school, the Chief Health Officer will, close our school temporarily while assessment and tracing of exposure is conducted. A thorough school clean will then be carried out to make the school safe for the return of students and staff.

In this situation principals will receive direct advice and support regarding the closure process and communication materials from the Department of Education's Coronavirus Support Team.

Upon the school being notified, all families will be immediately contacted and provided with the relevant information. This contact may be during the school day, or before or after school. It is therefore important that we have up-to-date contact details for your children, please let us know if these have changed.

We have implemented a series of precautionary measures to keep our community as safe as possible:

- School-based therapy services have been cancelled. Parent/carers may like to contact therapy service providers directly to make alternate arrangements.
- This term's excursions, incursions, hydrotherapy and End of Term Assembly have also been cancelled. Local excursions in Yokine Reserve will continue.
- Term One IEP/Action Meetings have been postponed. Teachers will be in contact with you in the near future to discuss your child's needs.

As the COVID-19 situation evolves we suggest you take the same precautions as you do in the cold/flu season. Please keep your child home if they exhibit any of the following symptoms/conditions that may indicate the start of a communicable disease:

- A High Temperature;
- Diarrhoea and/or Vomiting within the last 48 hours;
- Severe cough;
- Severe cold, especially with greenish/yellow nasal drainage
- Undetermined rash (requires Dr note indicating it is not contagious in order to return to school)
- Sore throat and/or difficulty swallowing; or
- Red, watery, burning, itching eyes or yellowish drainage.

The Health Department has provided a useful link

<https://healthywa.wa.gov.au/coronavirus>

As always, staff across the campus are vigilant in following hand washing and hygiene protocols. We will continue to offer a Flu Shot to staff in April.

Following these simple guidelines will help in limiting the spread of illness. Your ongoing understanding and support is very much appreciated.

These simple measures are designed to keep everyone calm, safe, informed, and confident. Please let us know if you have concerns regarding the isolation or wellbeing of anyone in the community.

Do not hesitate to contact me on 9462 6500 if you have any questions or concerns.



Hilary Palmer
Principal

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