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## Dear School Board, Educators and Hollywood Families

You will be aware of the considerable media coverage around the Coronavirus (COVID -19). While the Department of Health advises that the risk of transmission in Western Australia remains low; they are monitoring the situation and we are acting on their advice to take any necessary precautions for schools and our staff. The current focus is on preparation in advance of COVID-19 and precautions that can be put in place to slow its transmission.

Western Australians should remain alert, but not be alarmed. It is important that as a school community we apply a common sense, factual and practical approach to COVID-19. The Department of Health has a snapshot on the current situation in Western Australia [here](#).

The purpose of this communication is to keep you informed of our current response at Hollywood Primary School. Currently, we are seeking your cooperation in that if your child is unwell with symptoms associated with the virus (fever, coughing, sneezing, sore throat etc), that you please seek medical advice and keep them at home to ensure they are fully well before returning to school.

### Hygiene at School

We have ensured that hand sanitiser and hygiene practices have been verbal reminded to all student through staff. [The World Health Organisation](#) has published recommended hygiene practices as the best preventative measures to contracting COVID-19. We are taking steps to promote the following to both our staff and students:

- Frequent washing of hands with soap and water before and after eating and after toilet visits
- Frequent use of alcohol-based hand sanitiser throughout the day
- Coughing or sneezing into a tissue or into the crook of your arm, not your hand
- Avoiding hand to mouth contact
- Avoiding physical contact with others if you or they are unwell

### Attendance at school

#### 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) 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.

Higher Risk	Moderate Risk
<p><b>Can attend school, but self-monitor</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Italy</li></ul> <p><b>Must isolate for 14 days prior to attending</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mainland China</li><li>• Iran</li><li>• Republic of Korea</li></ul>	<p><b>Can attend school, but self-monitor</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cambodia</li><li>• Hong Kong</li><li>• Indonesia (including Bali)</li><li>• Japan</li><li>• Singapore</li><li>• Thailand</li></ul>

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>

The above also applies to all parents/carers, contractors, visitors and volunteers on school sites. Parents/carers and staff should notify their school or line manager if the student or staff member will be away for the isolation period and confirm the date in which they were last in mainland China, Iran or the Republic of Korea. A medical certificate is not required to return to school. Schools will record the student absence as a Reasonable absence (code R).

All families should carefully consider their need to travel overseas at this time, since international travel (or contact with someone who has travelled overseas) increases the potential for infection. If you do plan to travel, please be aware that any travel to areas cited by the [Australian Government](#) as restricted will result in the requirement to observe the 14 days quarantine period upon return to Australia and before return to school. Contact with an infected person will also require the quarantine period of 14 days to be observed.

Please note this information is accurate as of Tuesday 10 MARCH 2020 06:00 Hours. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to make contact with either myself or Kelly McLagan, Associate Principal.

*Kind regards,*



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