

# Coronavirus (Covid 19) Update – Friday 20.03.2020



Kia ora koutou

You will all be aware that there has been growing media coverage of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. We are following advice from the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education. This communication is to provide guidance of changes which have occurred due to Government Directives.

The recommendation currently is that schools are remaining open and children should attend school as normal. For us it is very much business as usual at Koraunui School.

Last night I sent the bullet point information below to our Board of Trustees to inform them of the actions we have taken to support the health of everyone and to prepare for the situation if the spread of the virus worsens.

Our staff have been working hard to ensure school is a safe and hygienic place and the normal school routine is maintained as much as possible. Below are actions we have implemented across the school.

- *Signage about Covid19 and hygiene has been placed around the school.*
- *Soap (recommended best practice by the Ministry of Education) and sanitizer have been placed in all classroom spaces as well as the staffroom toilets and front office.*
- *Door handles, handrails and light switches are being cleaned daily with sanitizer before lunch and at the end of the school day.*
- *We are following, modelling and reminding the children to follow, social distancing and basic hygiene practices.*
- *Ministry of Education communication is being shared with Board, staff and the community as it comes out. Contact numbers and websites are being made available also for information.*
- *Staff briefings are being held, as required, to discuss plans, processes and information relating to COVID-19.*
- *The school emergency management plan (including full school student lists), a Coronavirus Outbreak information document, Ministry of Education documents and staff evacuation priority plan have been updated.*
- *Our Kahui Ako Principal group has set up a WhatsApp group so we can communicate effectively with each other in real time.*
- *Paper resources that can be copied and sent home with the children should the school close have been prepared. We have a range of on-line resources and websites available for those with internet access.*
- *We have advertised in the newsletter for parents to get logins for our school library so they can issue library book to read at home with their children. This can be something that continues all the time to promote reading at home.*

If a case is confirmed in our immediate school community (e.g. a student, staff member, or member of their household), the Medical Officer of Health and Ministry of Education will inform me about this, and we will work together to get quick and clear messaging out to you

If there is a case confirmed of someone in our school, we will likely be asked to close temporarily by the Medical Officer of Health. This will allow time for close contacts to be traced, appropriate testing to be undertaken, and a careful clean of the school to be undertaken.

We know COVID-19 feels scary and of course people are concerned for the wellbeing of our children. **Please be assured that with no case confirmed in our school, your children are safe here.**

We are getting the most up to date advice and guidance so that we can confidently make informed decisions about the safety and wellbeing of our school community.

If your child does feel sick with cold or flu-like symptoms such as cough, sore throat, headache, runny nose, just as you normally would, please keep them at home. Call or text the school to inform the main office. As a family then ring the health line **0800 358 5453**.

The country and world is going through some major changes due to COVID-19. This is the time that we do all we can to support one another and to look after our community and demonstrate our KORAU values..



























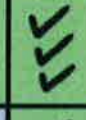






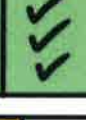






Let's all **Stay Calm, Be Safe, Stick with the Facts and Wash Our Hands**

Ngā mihi








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### SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19, FLU AND COLD

	 DRY COUGH	 FEVER	 RUNNY NOSE	 SORE THROAT	 BREATH-LESSNESS	 HEADACHE	 BODY ACHES	 SNEEZE	 FATIGUE	 DIARRHOEA
COVID -19										
FLU										
COLD										

	FREQUENTLY		SOMETIMES		LITTLE		RARE		NOT
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SOURCE: WHO, CDC

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