

Dear Parents/Carers

You would have seen in the media a continuing concern regarding the Novel Coronavirus. The Department of Education has been liaising with the Department of Health who advise that the risk of transmission remains low and they are monitoring the situation. We are acting on their advice and implementing necessary precautions.

The Department of Health advises that if a student has been in contact with someone who has contracted the virus, they should seek medical advice and stay away from school until they are clear of symptoms for 14 days.

As an extra precaution, if a student has travelled to, or through China or Hong Kong in the past two weeks, parents are asked to keep them away from school for a period of 14 days from the date they returned to Perth.

This is a precaution as the incubation period for this virus can be up to 14 days. After that time, and with no symptoms, the student may attend school.

If you have any concerns about the risks to your children, please refer to the Department of Health website <u>ww2.health.wa.gov.au/coronavirus</u> where there is a fact sheet for parents and access to a helpline on 1800 300 243. Attached is a copy of the fact sheet in English & Simplified Chinese.

As the lead agency, the Department of Health will monitor the situation and we will act on their advice and keep you updated as appropriate.

If your child meets the above criteria, and won't commence school on Monday 3 February, please let us know and we will make contact with you. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Kind regards

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