Dear Parents and Carers,

The situation regarding the emerging outbreak of novel coronavirus has continued to evolve and the Commonwealth’s Chief Medical Officer and Victoria’s Chief Health Office have recommended a stronger precautionary approach to managing coronavirus for travellers returned from mainland China as of the 1st February 2020.

**What does this mean for Vermont Primary School Families?** This recommendation is that parents/guardians/carers should ensure that any student returning from mainland China (not including Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan) who was in mainland China on or after **1 February 2020** is isolated at home and **should not attend school until 14 days after they were last in mainland China.**

The existing advice remains that parents/guardians/carers of students should ensure that any student is isolated at home and should not attend school for 14 days:

* following exposure to any confirmed novel coronavirus case; or
* after leaving Hubei Province.

Please refer to the Department’s [coronavirus web page](https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flist.comms.educationupdates.vic.gov.au%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3D770f4d1425f14b0d9936ca688e358872%26id%3D3373de59%26e%3D555d17a7&data=02%7C01%7Cmurphy.helen.c%40edumail.vic.gov.au%7C395d0a0f4a5f444e55eb08d7a70ef68a%7Cd96cb3371a8744cfb69b3cec334a4c1f%7C0%7C0%7C637161555024038484&sdata=h%2BdLiapXUeg5JC9blgoL87ckGr%2B2jgmBGAjLSBfqfmM%3D&reserved=0), where the latest advice including factsheets (with translations) for schools and parents will be uploaded as soon as available.

We will continue to provide support to the students and families who are impacted by this recommendation, your teachers will be in direct contact with you via email this week. In addition to this, we will continue to ask all students to use hand sanitiser regularly throughout the day, educate the students on hygiene habits and make contact with all parents and carers of students who show any signs of flu whilst at school

The Principals

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