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Tēnā koutou

Welcome to Papamoa College 2020!

We hope you had a great summer holiday time and managed to enjoy our beautiful environment. We very much look forward to working with you over the next year to provide your child with the best possible education and experiences while at school.

It is important that we bring to your attention the rapidly evolving situation concerning the coronavirus. While there is still a considerable amount of uncertainty we wish to take a proactive approach to ensure that all students, staff and members of our community remain healthy.

The coronavirus is a new virus and its specific nature is currently unclear. It appears that you can have the virus at an early stage and not be showing any symptoms. This incubation period is currently considered to be 14 days.

- As always anyone who is unwell should not be at school. If you have a particular concern about your child please contact Healthline at 0800 611 116 or your GP for medical advice. Healthline has translators and interpreters available 24/7 in 150 languages.
- If a student still attends school while showing symptoms the Principal of a state school can preclude them if they believe on reasonable grounds they may have a communicable disease (Section 19 Education Act). The student has to stay away for the infectious period of the specific disease.
- People may be at a high risk of exposure if they have recently been to China or have been in close contact with someone confirmed with the virus. If this is the case it is advisable to delay the start of the school year for 14 days and voluntarily stay away. Contact the school if you think this could apply to your child 07 5420676.

Up to date information can be obtained from your local District Health Board – [Public Health Unit Contacts](#)

Current travel information – refer to the Ministry of Health's information page on their website.
[Novel coronavirus \(2019-nCoV\) guidance – Ministry of Health website](#)

For people about to travel to China – we recommend you visit the MFAT <https://www.safetravel.govt.nz/> for updates on travel advice and restrictions.

The school is also keeping in close contact with the Ministry of Education regarding any instructions and relevant information, and we will keep you well informed as needed.

Thank you

Regards

Steve Lindsey
Principal

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