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Good morning parents & carers

### Coronavirus advice

Welcome back to Trinity College for the 2020 school year. I hope you had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year. Below is advice schools and principals have been given by the Department of Education regarding any possible exposure to the Coronavirus.

Please note that families whom we know were travelling to China over the holiday break have been contacted personally by the school to check details about exactly when and where the travel took place and to check on their welfare. There is a possibility that trips to China took place that we are unaware of, so I have sent this advice to all our families. I have included below a link to the Victorian Education website that has information for parents and carers.

The recommendation is 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.

This same advice applies to any staff who have returned or are returning from Hubei province.

The Chief Health Officer's current advice is that staff and students do not need to be isolated at home if they have recently travelled in other parts of China or other countries and are not showing any symptoms of the virus.

If you think a student or staff member is showing relevant symptoms, please ask the student's parents/guardians/carers or the staff member to call the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to discuss further actions on 1300 651 160.

If schools think a student or staff member is a confirmed case or a contact of a confirmed case, please contact the Department of Health and Human Services to discuss further actions via phone: 1300 651 160. Please also inform the Department of Education and Training by making an IRIS incident alert.

In the event that a parent is not aware of the advice from health authorities and a student arrives at school who should be excluded, the following steps will be taken:

1. Reassure the student if they are anxious
2. Move the student to a single room away from others, being mindful of the student's wellbeing
3. Contact parents/carers, inform them of the advice from health authorities and ask them to collect their child

For more information please follow the link below.

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/department/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

Kind regards

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