



# Immanuel Primary School

Building Foundations for Life



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To All Families

While media and public commentary in relation to Coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to raise concern, public health authorities are advising that the current risk remains low, however, precautionary measures are necessary to ensure the safest possible environment for our children.

The Immanuel Primary School community is committed to doing all that it can to reduce the risk of Coronavirus (COVID-19) entering our school or being passed on within our community. The school will continue to follow advice for schools from the Australian and South Australian governments. You can access Australian Government advice at <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/collections/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-resources>. If you scroll down the website page you will find a heading '**For parents of school-aged children**'. Please click on that link below the heading for an update with information for schools, early childhood centres, students and parents. It provides general information and responses to key questions.

To help minimise any spread of illness, no student, parent/caregiver, staff member or volunteer is to attend the school if they are unwell with symptoms consistent with coronavirus. If your family is planning to travel overseas, please advise me at the email address below. The policy outlines that students who return from travel unwell must seek medical advice and must self-isolate for 14 days.

We do want to be additionally cautious and ask that parents support our request for caution, and please be assured that we will support students to the best of our ability.

In summary, we:

- are concerned about the potential for the coronavirus to impact on members of the learning community.
- are following the advice for schools from the Australian and State Governments and we refer you to the Smart Traveller website. Immanuel Primary requires students, staff and volunteers to follow the Governments' guidelines regarding isolation
- request that we be advised if any student or close family member of student has symptoms consistent with the coronavirus
- are preparing to be able to engage with students during any prolonged period of absence from the learning community
- are looking at practices such as cleaning and sharing of equipment to seek to reduce the risk of the spread of any virus
- will inform parents of any major developments.

Please direct any questions to me at [rclements@immanuelps.sa.edu.au](mailto:rclements@immanuelps.sa.edu.au) in the first instance and be assured we will continue to respond to advice from the SA Department of Health and provide updated advice to parents and staff as appropriate.

Kind regards,  
Rebecca Clements  
Principal