



Immanuel Primary School

Building Foundations for Life



16th March 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

In light of recent developments, we have cancelled Sports Day, large assemblies including Worship, Reception Bible presentation, excursions to public places, travel and other public events as a precautionary measure to protect staff and students from the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

On a daily basis, we are reviewing activities and adapting to changing advice and information as it becomes available.

There have not been any confirmed cases of coronavirus in our community at this stage, so the measures are "precautionary" and designed to reduce exposure via non-essential gatherings.

Current advice from the Chief Medical Officer is that School is a safe place for your child unless there are extenuating circumstances. Evidence from other countries is that the School Closures are only appropriate if there has been a diagnosed case of COVID-19 in the School or if the Government deems it necessary to close down the community as a whole. We are not at that point and hopefully won't be. Lessons will be programmed as normal but we will minimise activities that promote physical contact.

Immanuel Primary is well-equipped to allow students to continue their learning even if there is a forced closure in the near future. Staff will be able to use google classroom and seesaw (DLJ) as a way of providing resources, lesson instructions and tasks online.

Personal hygiene and the hygiene standards in school are critical to reducing the risk of infection.

All students and staff are encouraged to:

- Wash their hands regularly, particularly after using the toilet and before eating. We have distributed sanitizers to key learning and food areas
- Avoid spreading infections to others by staying home if they are unwell.
- Cover a cough or sneeze with a tissue or elbow.

If your child presents as unwell with fever and/or respiratory infection they should remain at home until symptoms resolve.

Please refer to the FAQ document that was sent out to all families yesterday for additional COVID-19 information.

It is important that parents are up to date with the latest information.

If you have any further queries, please contact principal@immanuelps.sa.edu.au

Kind regards,

Bec Clements
Principal