



Principal's COVID - 19 Update

18th November 2020

As you are aware, yesterday the Premier provided an update on the recent outbreak of confirmed coronavirus cases as part of what has been termed the Parafield Cluster. Information regarding places deemed at risk can be found [HERE](#).

Our response to the new outbreak will be the same as it has been from the beginning of March. We will continue to follow SA Health Advice and will communicate regularly with our community as we become aware of any potential impacts from this or any other cluster. This latest cluster reminds us of the highly contagious nature of the virus and reinforces that we need to continually adjust our lifestyle and habits to ensure personal hygiene and community safety.

Whilst stressing that schools remain open, the Premier announced a set of directives and advice while contact tracing and testing continues. Further advice is expected in the coming 24 to 48 hours. Immanuel will be adopting all directives as they apply and following the intention of restricting gatherings where we are able to exercise an abundance of caution.

In accordance with the advice and directives provided, the School has made the following immediate decisions:

- Cease all sport activities effective from today
- Postpone the 2021 Reception Parent Information Sessions (student orientation visits will still be held)
- Cancel the 2021 Reception Play in the Park
- Cancel all excursions scheduled for the following fortnight 16th – 27th November pending further advice
- Yr 1 - 3 swimming lessons postponed and possibly cancelled (Just been advised)
- The Year 5 camp will continue as planned
- Year level events held off-site will need to be held in accordance with the specific site's COVID safe plan.
- School events held at school are excluded from the 100 maximum limit but attendance now needs to be limited to ensure 4 sqm social distancing for all adults and effective attendance lists and hand hygiene are essential.

With the focus on reducing gatherings, parents and caregivers will once again need to minimise their time on the school grounds following drop off and collection.

Please remind your children of the need to wash hands, minimise community transmission risks and get medical attention if they feel unwell. If your child is not well, or you are aware of a potential contact PLEASE keep them at home and arrange for testing.

Symptoms of COVID-19 can include fever, chills, cough, sore throat, runny nose, shortness of breath, or loss of taste or smell.

If you have any concerns about your health, contact your GP

Reminder

- Stay home if you are sick
- If you have any COVID-19 symptoms, no matter how mild get tested
- Keep 1.5 metres distance from others wherever and whenever possible
- Wash your hands with soap and water, or use hand sanitiser

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