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Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whānau,

Novel Coronavirus:

The school is aware of the potential risk of infection from the Novel Coronavirus and we are monitoring the situation in China closely with regards to the concerns around a potential pandemic virus.

We have been informed through the various government agencies that the virus presents with flu-like symptoms and in most cases leads to a mild to moderate illness. Seek medical advice through the normal channels if you experience flu-like symptoms or fever.

The city of Wuhan, from where the virus originates, has been closed for all travel, and is therefore now isolated.

However, any students who have recently travelled to China and or suspect they may have been in close contact with someone confirmed with the virus, are required to stay away from school for the known incubation period of 14 days.

If your child has been overseas to China, and or been exposed to the virus by visiting friends or relatives during the recent holiday break, please urgently advise the School in writing to admin@korakonui.school.nz with your date of arrival back into New Zealand to enable us to provide further information if required.

The Ministry of Health is monitoring the situation and will provide further advice to us if needed. You may visit the Ministry of Health website for further information if you wish
<https://www.health.govt.nz/.../novel-coronavirus-china-2019-n...>

Our School has procedures in place for the incidence of infectious diseases, and we will be revisiting them with our staff on their return to school tomorrow. We are also monitoring the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, and Safe Travel NZ sites to ensure we have access to the most up-to-date information and advisories. Schools receive regular updates from these organisations.

As with all infectious diseases, and in line with our existing procedures, we have the following steps in place;

- Strong hygiene and cleaning practices in place during school time and by school cleaners
- Reminders for students and staff about good personal hygiene practice
- Monitoring students for symptoms of fever, runny nose, headache, cough, sore throat, faint, muscle ache, other general unwell feeling and contacting parents if these are present
- Reminding children about not sharing food

As with all illness in a school/community setting, children and adults are advised not to come to school if they are unwell. We will continue to act upon action advised by DHB or government organisations.

Thank you for your continuing support to keep our students, staff, visitors and community safe and healthy.

Yours sincerely,

Rochelle Inwood
Principal - On behalf of the Board of Trustees