



11 March 2020

Update 4 from the Principal

Dear members of the Lindisfarne School Community

Novel Coronavirus COVID-19

Please note the following change to recommendations from NSW Health regarding COVID-19 effective 11 March 2020.

As at 11 March 2020, it is recommended by NSW Health that individuals with cold or flu-like symptoms should remain at home and are not to attend school until the symptoms resolve. NSW Health also recommends that schools also implement infection control processes and follow any advice, if provided, by NSW Health.

Individuals that have returned from a high-risk country or are a close contact of a confirmed case should be tested for COVID-19 if they are displaying symptoms. If tested positive for COVID-19, individuals are to be isolated in accordance with NSW Health requirements. Individuals who are close contacts of confirmed cases of COVID-19 are also to be isolated in accordance with NSW Health requirements.

Please note that the advice remains that individuals with cold or flu-like symptoms should remain at home and are not to attend School until symptoms resolve.

Please note that the advice regarding testing for COVID-19 has been updated to individuals that have returned from a high-risk country or are a close contact of a confirmed case should be tested for COVID-19 if they are displaying symptoms.

Please also note that based on the recent updated Australian Government advice any student or staff member who has been in or transited through mainland China, Iran, the Republic of Korea (after 5 March) or Italy (after 11 March), must be excluded from work, school or childcare services for a period of 14 days after leaving China, Iran, the Republic of Korea or Italy. These students or staff members are required by NSW Health to self-isolate from the community for a period of 14 days, as the COVID-19 incubation period can be as long as two weeks

Thank you again for your support as we work together at this time. I will continue to keep the School community informed as a priority as updates are received and changes to NSW Health recommendations occur.

Please contact the Deputy Principal or Heads of SubSchool if you have any questions.

Kind regards

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Principal