

Koondoola Primary School

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As you would be aware, the situation regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to create a number of challenges for our school and the community. The virus is also creating a great deal of anxiety about sending your child to school. I completely understand this anxiety and concern. If you choose to keep your children at home, that is perfectly fine. This is an individual choice and parents need to make this decision themselves. All we ask is that you notify the school office and we will then record your child's absence as a reasonable cause. If we are not notified you will still receive the daily text message.

At this stage we are adhering to Education Department advice that states we will continue as normal, with some changes to normal procedures and allow teachers time to continue preparing for face to face lessons. As such we will not be providing work packages for home. If the situation changes, we will put into place our contingency plans, where we will provide a work package and online learning options for students and parents to complete at home. Details of these arrangements will be placed on our website shortly.

We are encouraging and reminding students about personal hygiene and the importance of washing hands, sneezing into tissues or elbows and not sharing food or water bottles.

Our cleaners are being very thorough in their cleaning and ensuring that hand soap and towels are available in all toilets along with hand wash in classrooms. All classrooms are being sprayed with disinfectant morning and afternoon. They are also ensuring that high traffic areas are being thoroughly cleaned, door handles, drink fountains etc.

As I have said above, at this stage we are adhering to Education Department advice and will continue to do so.

I do ask that if your child is unwell, please keep them at home. Sending children to school who are displaying cold and flu symptoms creates unnecessary stress for the child, their friends and staff.

This is a difficult time for everyone. I would like to acknowledge the wonderful work our staff are doing to support students and maintain routines for your children. This is very important in these uncertain times. Please contact the office if you have any concerns, we are here to help if we can.

Yours sincerely

Ian Ralph

Principal