

COVID-19 Community Email

23/11/2021

Dear parents, carers and staff,

Our school has been advised that we had 4 confirmed COVID-19 cases attend our school on **Thursday 18th and Friday 19th November 2021** in our **Grade 5/6 area**.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

The school is not required to close, as cleaning and contact identification has already taken place. We have also already contacted those families that we identified as being an education contact. **Our Grade 5/6 cohort will not be attending school tomorrow (Wednesday 24th November 2021).**

WHAT IF A STUDENT IS IDENTIFIED AS AN EDUCATION CONTACT?

If you are contacted by the school and advised that you or your child is an education contact, the education contacts will be required to get an immediate standard (PCR) test. If the test returns a negative result, the student can return to school, with evidence of the negative result provided to the school.

In exceptional circumstances the Department of Health may determine education contacts in significant school outbreaks are still required to quarantine for seven days. In this scenario, education contacts will be notified directly of any additional quarantine arrangements.

The student will be strongly recommended to undertake a rapid antigen test each day before school, until they have used up the five tests provided to them. This is to ensure our school remains safe and that likely positive COVID-19 cases are identified as early as possible.

Testing kits are available from testing centres and will be given to students after their standard PCR test.

Financial assistance is available

If your child is required to be tested, you may be able to access the **\$450 COVID-19 Test Isolation Payment**. For more information go to coronavirus.vic.gov.au

Further information for languages other than English

- For school information in languages other than English, call TIS National on **131 450**.
- Please ask them to call the DET COVID-19 hotline on **1800 338 663** and they will help interpret.
- For health advice in languages other than English, visit www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/translated-information-about-coronavirus-covid-19

General advice and support

For general advice and support please call the Department of Education and Training COVID-19 hotline. The number is **1800 338 663**. It is available 8.30am to 5pm Monday through Friday, and 10am to 3pm Saturday and Sunday.

We are following public health advice. Please be mindful that this is a difficult situation for everyone and respectful conversations are expected at all times. We appreciate your patience and support as we navigate these new and unknown circumstances.

If you are concerned you have COVID-19 you can call the DH COVID-19 hotline on **1800 675 398**, available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Kind regards,

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ACTING PRINCIPAL