

# Covid-19 update #1

# LYTTON STREET

Tuesday 17th March 2020

Dear Parents & Caregivers

Over the weekend our Prime Minister has decided to increase actions to limit the possible spread of COVID-19. As a school community we need to endeavour to keep each other safe and our school open as long as possible. Any decision on school closure will be made by the Ministry of Education.

Our school is preparing for possible closure in the future. All parents have been, or will be consulted shortly, on their access to both the internet and devices at home. Our aim is to provide an online learning facility that will enable learning to progress. Teachers will be in regular contact, online, to facilitate this process. Provisions will be made for students with no internet access or devices at home.

To ensure the safety of our school community we ask that if your child appears to have any **flu-like symptoms (sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, coughing or increased body temperature)** then they must stay at home. If any student presents to school with these symptoms they will be sent home immediately.

In the coming days the school will implement a variety of actions to minimise the risk of infection for staff and students. This will include the installation of hand sanitisers in every classroom and staggering playtimes to limit contact with large groups. Drinking fountains will also be shut off. Please ensure your child has an adequate drink bottle. Keep in mind that these can be refilled during the day.

**In order to limit contact our Learning Conversations on the 24th and 25th March 2020 have been cancelled. Teachers will ring all parents to talk to them about their child's learning during their scheduled appointment time.**

Please understand that any decisions the school makes are solely based on the caution and the safety of our students and community.

I would urge you all to be vigilant in following the advice and guidance that is being updated regularly by our government.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely



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