

BURRENDAH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Letter to Parents – 3rd February

Dear Parent/Carer

Acting on the latest information re novel coronavirus from the Department of Health, the Department of Education is implementing the following for public schools.

Students and staff who have been in the Hubei Province of China

Students and staff who have been in the Hubei Province of China must be isolated in their home for 14 days after leaving the Hubei Province, other than for seeking individual medical care. They are not able to attend school, school events, day care centres or residential colleges. This also applies to parents/carers, staff, contractors, visitors and volunteers on school sites and at school events.

A medical certificate is not required for the student to return to school.

Students and staff returning from mainland China

Students and staff arriving out of (including transiting through) mainland China **from 1 February 2020** must be isolated in their home for 14 days from the time they leave mainland China. They are not able to attend school, school events, day care centres or residential colleges.

Students who returned from (including transiting through) mainland China (excluding the Hubei Province) or Hong Kong **prior to 1 February 2020**, are being asked to stay at home until 14 days after leaving mainland China or Hong Kong. Staff who returned prior to 1 February are asked to self-monitor and remain home if symptomatic.

A medical certificate is not required for the student to return to school.

While the risk of the virus spreading is low, this 14-day exclusion is a precaution to ensure the safest possible environment for children. After 14 days, if the student has no symptoms they may attend school.

Students and staff in close contact with a confirmed case

If a student or staff member has been informed by Public Health authorities they are a close contact of a confirmed case of the novel coronavirus, irrespective of whether they have developed symptoms, they cannot attend school, school events, day care centres or residential colleges until their local public health unit informs them that it is safe for them to do so. This also applies to parents/carers, staff, contractors, visitors and volunteers on school sites and at school events. Evidence from the public health authority is required for the student to return to school.

The [Department of Health website](https://www2.health.wa.gov.au/coronavirus) at <https://www2.health.wa.gov.au/coronavirus> has more information on the virus and a **WA Coronavirus Hotline, on 1800 300 243**.

If your child will be away from school for the reasons outlined above, please contact the school to let us know when they were last in China and to discuss any support for your child's learning while they are absent from school.

We will ensure that students' good standing is not impacted where they are absent through isolation as outlined above.

Yours sincerely

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