



Spring Terrace Public School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

School Procedures and Information regarding COVID-19

You will be aware of the wider situation with COVID-19 virus and I wish to communicate with you the response in our own school community and provisions that have been put in place to begin today Monday 16th March, 2020.

As you know the health and safety of our students and staff is paramount and we are happy to take extra precautions to keep your child/ren safe and well. I would also like to thank you for the way you have shown a calm understanding in response to the emerging information about COVID-19, helping to ensure our students get the right information, at the right level of understanding at the right time. I will continue to update the community using our Spring Terrace P&C Facebook page or direct phone calls, so please encourage other parents to visit the Facebook page and stay up to date with new information. Additionally, the NSW Department of Education (DoE) update the School Safety website regularly.

At this stage our school will remain open. I receive updates regularly from the DoE who are consulting with NSW Health every day. In the meantime, the following measures have been taken at school:

- There will be no assemblies or special event gatherings until further notice.
- All excursions and sporting events will be postponed or cancelled until further notice.
- Personal hygiene, covering nose and mouth if sneezing and hand washing will be discussed and promoted at all times.
- Teachers will supervise hand washing regularly throughout the day
- Staff will ensure bathrooms are equipped with soap and paper towel and classrooms have sanitizer available.

It is important for parents to know that our school is cleaned thoroughly at the start of each day. All rooms, toilet and surfaces are cleaned daily. I will work with the DoE cleaning contractors to ensure other precautionary cleaning measures are implemented. Teachers will have windows open for increased ventilation as much as possible.

How can you help?

- Please keep students at home if they are sick with respiratory symptoms until all systems have resolved.
- Share factual information with children about the virus and explain how good hygiene practices are the best of keeping everyone well.
- Communicate with us if you suspect your child may have been exposed to someone who has been affected by the virus.
- Arrange for your child to be picked up if the admin staff contact you.
- Contact NSW Health if you fit the criteria of symptoms for the virus. There is a dedicated clinic at the Orange health Service for testing.

Keeping students safe and well at school in their best learning environment is our main goal.

Peter Scott

Principal

16th March 2020

Resources for Children

Become a Soapy Hero

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EAiqYDucios&feature+emb> logo

Handwashing (Behind the News)

<https://www.abc.net.au/btn/classroom/handwashing/12024720>

Corona Virus explained (Behind the News)

<https://www.abc.net.au/btn/classroom/coronavirus-explained/11933838>

Coronavirus questions (Behind the News)

<https://www.abc.net.au/btn/classroom/coronavirus-questions/12024698>

Resources for Parents

NSW DoE School Safety website

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/school-safety/nevel-coronavirus>

NSW Health COVID-19 FAQs

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/school-safety/nevel-coronavirus>