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Dear Parents, Families and Caregivers

We write to you regarding the **Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)**.

Most of you will by now be aware of the coronavirus outbreak that originated in the Wuhan province in China and of the 5 cases recently confirmed in Australia, 4 in NSW and 1 in Victoria.

We must prioritise the health and safety of our children, families and community.

Our Service will take a prudent approach, and asks that you take the following steps:

- If your child has travelled to any part of China, including Hong Kong, over the recent holidays we ask you to keep your child home for 14 days from the date of departure from China
- If your child shows flu-like symptoms such as fever or respiratory symptoms, including a cough, we encourage you to visit your GP and we ask that you inform us

Our request is consistent with the advice issued by NSW Health. Chief Health Officer, Dr Kerry Chant explained that any child who has been in contact with a person confirmed as having novel coronavirus must not attend school or childcare for 14 days after the last contact with the infected person. "14 days represents the internationally recognised incubation period for the disease," Dr Chant said.

For further information please visit:

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/diseases/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

If you have any further questions, please contact your Centre Director/ESM.

We are looking forward to welcoming your children back to our Service in 2020.

Kind Regards

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