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Dear Families,

At this point in time, the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria Ltd (CECV) and the Department of Health and Human Services has provided the following advice to schools and local communities:

Exclusion of well children or staff from school who have travelled to Wuhan, China, or any other areas where there have been reported cases is NOT required, unless the following applies:

- *The person is a confirmed case of Novel Coronavirus; or*
- *The person has been in close contact with a confirmed case of Novel Coronavirus in the past 14 days.*

If your family has travelled to Wuhan, China or any other areas where there have been reported cases of Coronavirus, please contact the school immediately.

Staff at St Bernadette's have been briefed to inform students of the importance of practising good hand and respiratory hygiene; washing hands, covering their mouths and nose when coughing or sneezing, and the disposal of tissues into a bin.

We will continue to monitor this situation through advice from the Department of Health and Human Services and Catholic Education and inform you if there are any changes to be made.

We look forward to a happy and healthy start to the 2020 school year.

Kind regards,

Mrs Joanne Webster
Principal