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Dear Parents,

MANAGING CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASES IN SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

The Department of Education has asked schools to communicate with their school communities regarding the management of confirmed Covid-19 cases over the school holidays. At present, it is the responsibility of schools to notify all of the close contacts should a confirmed positive case of Covid-19 occur in a school. Fortunately, this is a scenario that our school has managed to avoid to date.

Whilst we are hoping to avoid the following scenario, it is important that our families are aware of the arrangements should the unfortunate occur.

In the event that a member of our school community (student, staff member or parent who has attended on-site) tests positive for Covid-19 over the first few days of the school holidays, then the school should be notified so that any close contacts can be contacted. Parents are asked to contact my mobile on 0438 915 200 in this instance.

An example of a possible scenario might be: A student attends school on Friday 17/12. They develop symptoms on Sunday. They are tested on Monday and get a positive result on Tuesday 21/12. This student would be deemed infectious when they were at school on the Friday. In this instance, the student's parents are asked to contact me to inform the school of the result. The school then has an obligation to identify and inform the 'close contacts' to whom the student was exposed on Friday 17/12.

I again thank our school community for your support as we navigate the Covid-19 pandemic and requirements associated with it.

Yours sincerely,

Jason Cox

Principal