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Dear Parents/Carers,

As I said in yesterday's letter, I will keep you up to date with what is happening at school with the Coronavirus issues.

The last 7 days have been interesting and at times confusing with all the news and information about Coronavirus. We want you to know that your children are safe, and we are doing everything we can to take care of them during the virus situation. It is challenging and we can understand it may be causing families to feel both confused and anxious.

We have a number of students not attending school at present as a preventative measure by parents due to their concerns regarding the COVID-19 Virus. This is acceptable but we do ask you to please let the office know that you are keeping your child home due to COVID 19 virus. This gives us an appropriate reason for their absence.

Here are the facts from the school's perspective:

- No staff member at ANPS has been reported as infected with Coronavirus
- No student or family member from ANPS has reported to us as being infected

All Classrooms have Hand Sanitizer

Cleaners have been asked to be vigilant in their cleaning

- The school remains open as I must follow the best advice from the Department of Education. This may change and we will let you know immediately if there is to be a school closure – this could happen at short notice
- ANPS staff are working on plans to deliver online content and homework plans in the event of a school closure.
- We are closely monitoring the situation and reacting accordingly when things change – and then letting you know.

Some changes we are putting in place right away are:

- No School Assemblies
- No Parent/Student Harmony Day this will be for students only.

What we need you to do:

1. If your child is feeling unwell or has flu type symptoms to keep them at home until well or see a doctor
2. Please keep the office informed if your child is going to be absent

Thankyou for your ongoing support and understanding.

Regards,

Robyn Gregson
Principal – Altona North Primary School