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Dear Families,

RE: Updated information on COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

The World Health Organization (WHO) has announced that COVID-19 is a pandemic. The Mount Barker Waldorf School wishes to reduce the risk of COVID-19 entering or being passed on within our community. The School will follow advice for schools from the Australian and South Australian governments. You can access Australian Government advice at <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/COVID-19-covid-19-information-for-schools-and-early-childhood-centres>

To help minimise the spread of illness, it is important that members of our community, who are unwell with symptoms consistent with COVID-19, do not attend the School until they have sought medical advice and it has been determined that they are able to return to school. Anyone who attends the School with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 will be isolated and required to leave as soon as possible. If a member of a student's household has a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19, then the student is expected not to attend school until cleared by a Doctor.

Please note People who have returned from a country or region that is at high or moderate risk for COVID-19 should monitor their health closely. If you develop symptoms including a fever and cough you should isolate yourself immediately and urgently seek medical attention. People who think they may have been in close contact with a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 should also monitor their health and seek urgent medical attention. If your child or a family member becomes unwell and is subsequently confirmed with having been infected with COVID-19, please inform the School immediately.

You may be aware that a few schools in Victoria and NSW have closed for periods of time as a consequence of confirmed cases of COVID-19 within their school community. We are currently preparing plans to enable students to continue their education if there are disruptions to the normal face to face functioning. Usually, these closures are for 24 to 48 hours to enable the school to contact others who may have been exposed and clean all areas infected.

Please note there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 at the School. If a case is confirmed, you will be notified. If you seek more information, then please click link below: <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/collections/novel-COVID-19-2019-ncov-resources>

Sincerely,

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