



9th July 2020.

Dear Parents, Carers and Staff,

I'd like to thank the entire school community at the outset for your patience and understanding after a staff member tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) at Westbreen Primary School.

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), as the lead health agency, has advised it has now completed its risk assessment and contact tracing.

As part of its investigation, DHHS has also identified people who have potentially come into close contact with the staff member who tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19). DHHS provided direct and specific advice to these individuals and their families about quarantine and looking after themselves.

If DHHS has not contacted you to advise that you or your child is a close contact of a coronavirus (COVID-19) case, you are not required to quarantine.

I ask you to please respect the staff member's right to privacy.

It is important that we all continue to monitor our own health and the health of our children daily during this time. If you or your child develops any symptoms such as a fever, cough, sore throat or shortness of breath:

- stay at home and do not attend school
- seek medical advice – call ahead to alert your doctor about the confirmed case of coronavirus (COVID-19) at the school and any symptoms before visiting, and take this letter with you
- call the school to let us know.

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has also advised that the deep clean of the school has been completed.

You would be aware of recent announcements about arrangements for the beginning of Term 3 for schools in the metropolitan Melbourne area. For our school community this means that the school holidays will be extended for a further week (Monday 13th to Friday 17th July – Pupil Free Days). Further details will be communicated on these arrangements including students who may require supervision and care onsite.

More information regarding coronavirus and schools is available from the Department of Education and Training (DET) on the [DET website](#) or by contacting the DET coronavirus (COVID-19) hotline on 1800 338 663.

I am proud of our school's inclusive culture and I encourage you to do what you can to make sure all our students and families feel supported and included during this difficult time.

Yours sincerely,
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