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Dear Students and Parents/Carers

COVID – 19 Update

As the situation in regard to COVID-19 continues to evolve, I am writing to update Students, Parents and Carers about the measures we are taking at Glossop High School to safeguard all members of our school community and to act responsibly to limit the spread of the virus. All of our actions have been based on directions and advice from the Department for Education and from SA Health.

We wish to share the advice and actions outlined below.

Schools will remain open

The advice from the Australia's Chief Medical Officer and Prime Minister, on Wednesday 18 March, is that schools will remain open. Individual sites will only be temporarily closed if there is a confirmed case of COVID-19. We will then follow our protocol in line with SA Health.

Please find attached to this letter correspondence to you provided from the Department for Education Chief Executive, Rick Persse and the Minister for Education, Hon John Gardner MP.

Current advice on self-isolation and staying at home

In-line with Commonwealth advice, people are required to self-isolate for a period of 14 days if:

- diagnosed with COVID-19
- have had close contact with a person with COVID-19 in the last 14 days
- have arrived from overseas travel from any country (as of midnight Sunday, 15 March 2020)

Stay home if sick

- It is important that all students and staff, if unwell, stay at home and recover to avoid the spread of winter illnesses (not just COVID-19). Please notify the school of any absences by communicating with Home Group Teachers or contact the student services team.
- Similarly, if a student becomes unwell with flu-like symptoms while in school care, their parents/carers will be contacted immediately, and infection control practices will be enacted.

Social distancing

On Wednesday 18 March the Federal Government announced further measures in regard to social distancing. The following must be implemented immediately

- All indoor gatherings of 100 persons or greater to be cancelled
- All outdoor gatherings of 500 persons or greater to be cancelled

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Glossop High School specific actions

From the recommendations provided to us by the Department for Education and the SA Health we have implemented a range of procedures to safeguard all members of our school community and to act responsibly to limit the spread of the virus.

- **Extra cleaning** measures have been put in place to clean all high traffic areas and equipment
- **School assemblies** and **year level assemblies** are postponed until further notice
- All **school camps and excursions** are postponed until further notice
- Procedures have been put in place to **reduce the volume** of students at the canteen and in the toilets by staggering the start of both lunch and recess
- Where possible we have adopted practical **social distancing** measures within the classroom and in the yard
- Information posters and bulletin notices are in place to remind students of **good personal hygiene practices**

Water fountains are being cleaned daily but we encourage all students to bring a **water bottle** to school

The **canteen** remains open at this time and is still providing nutritious, affordable food for our students; remember this as an option moving forward considering the current shopping restrictions in place.

Learning as normal

It is my recommendation that student learning will continue as normal. If a student is absent from school I encourage you to access the missed learning through the daymap portal. If you require assistance with accessing daymap please speak to the students Home Group Teacher. We encourage all students and parents/carers to familiarise yourself with daymap now so that Glossop High School has multiple ways of delivering educational outcomes.

More information

The Department for Education is working closely with SA Health to ensure we have access to the latest advice on how to keep our staff, our students and community safe. If you have questions about actions we are taking as a school, you are welcome to contact a member of the school's executive team via the student services offices at either campus. For other questions about COVID-19 you can call the government's coronavirus health information line on 1800 202 080, the line operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

We are committed to providing you with regular updates so you are as informed as possible.

Kind Regards

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