



ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

Parents are being quite rightly very cautious about sending children to school at the moment. We will understand if your child does not attend because of any medical concerns they may have or possible risks to other family members.

We will continue to have children get all the normal illnesses as winter draws nearer. This will include colds and flu. We simply ask that if a child is feeling sick you should keep them at home and then send them back to school once they feel better.

The best way to notify the school if your child is going to be absent is via the school app. Indicate if they are going to be away for just the day or in fact for the week. That way we will not need to contact you each day to find out the reason for the absence.

Today, (Monday March 23rd 2020) we have 69 students absent (22%) and five staff. The five staff is more problematic than the 69 students to be honest!

Despite advice to the contrary we will not be doubling up rooms as this seems ludicrous and goes against all the advice and actions taken to date to ensure social distancing.

The school will be providing work towards the end of this week for those children currently at home. This will involve a mixture of online work and a range of other practical activities that can be undertaken at home.

There is growing momentum nationally to close schools. Should this situation arise we will be advised by the Medical Officer of Health. Parents will be notified immediately and plans put in place to manage this transition. You should be thinking about this possibility as well. How will you manage at home? Work will be made available for students by teachers. For those already at home it will be available later this week. This does not mean however that teachers will necessarily be available and online during school hours to answer queries etc. This is likely to be distributed electronically so it is important that we have your most up to date contact details.

SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19, FLU AND COLD

	DRY COUGH	FEVER	RUNNY NOSE	SORE THROAT	BREATH-LESSNESS	HEADACHE	BODY ACHES	SNEEZE	FATIGUE	DIARRHOEA
COVID-19	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	~	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓	✗	✓✓	~
FLU	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓	✓✓	✗	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✗	✓✓✓	✓✓
COLD	✓	~	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✗	~	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓	✗

✓✓✓ FREQUENTLY
✓✓ SOMETIMES
✓ LITTLE
~ RARE
✗ NOT

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We wish all our Parkland families well in the uncertain days ahead. We will keep you informed of any changes as they occur.

If you have specific questions please send these directly to me and I will try my best to answer these promptly. principal@parkland.school.nz

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 Principal