



ANSON STREET SCHOOL
ORANGE

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COVID -19 Update 2

Dear Parents and carers

Further to my letter to you last Thursday 12th March, I want to update you about what we are continuing to do at school to ensure infection control across the school. This advice is based on information from the Secretary of Education, Mark Scott and the Department of Health.

I will be personally in contact with any families who have a child who has a chronic medical condition or who is immunocompromised to develop a plan to support you and your child.

The following actions are taking place across the school:

- Introduction of regular and enhanced cleaning for high touch surfaces – i.e. door handles, phones, keyboards, desks, etc.
- Use of outdoor settings where possible
- Increased ventilation in classrooms
- School assemblies are cancelled
- School sport remains unchanged at this stage but we will monitor this on a daily basis.
- Excursions outside of Orange are cancelled or postponed. Organising staff will be in contact with you when new dates are organised for later in the year where possible.
- Staff are being provided with resources to help students understand the current situation and staff continue to teach children hand hygiene and help with washing hands where needed.

The Department of Education is introducing Social Distancing to help in the control of this virus and we will do everything we can to encourage and support this, however the nature of our school means that many of our students need close monitoring and support with feeding and changing. Our staff are being vigilant in hygiene measures across the school.

Staff who present with flu or cold symptoms are being asked to stay at home so we may have to combine classes and have additional support officers in the class to help out if we are unable to employ additional casual teachers.

If you have any concerns or questions please contact me at school on 6362 4563. Current information is available on our FaceBook site and the school website.

Kind regards

Melanie Meers
16th March 2020



Connect and belong: be your best self

Be curious: explore and cultivate wisdom

Foster a growth mindset: be willing to do things differently

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