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Dear parents and carers

As you are aware, the World Health Organisation has declared COVID-19 a pandemic and the situation continues to evolve. For this reason, schools are being asked to take action to slow the spread of COVID-19 in the community. Our school will continue to follow the advice of the NSW Department of Education and keep you informed and updated.

For the wellbeing of our students and staff under no circumstances should children with flu-like symptoms be sent to school. If your child is feeling ill, please keep them at home and see your doctor. Students may only return to school once they have been cleared and can provide a medical certificate.

Students that present with flu-like symptoms will be sent to the school office and parents will be asked to collect their children immediately and see a medical practitioner for further advice.

The current advice from the Department of Health and Department of Education is that schools remain open.

Kingsgrove Public School continues to follow the advice of the Department of Education in regards to social distancing.

Additional changes to school routines and programmes are outlined below:

Drop Off and Pick up

Please be mindful of the request for social distancing at drop off and pick up times. We encourage parents to drop their children at school and then leave. Likewise, at the end of the school day, we encourage parents not to gather in large groups and spend extensive time in the playground. We encourage them to arrive close to bell time, collect their child and leave.

School Banking

Please be advised that the Commonwealth Bank has suspended school banking from today, Wednesday 18 March. We will inform you as to when this program restarts.

Other Programs

At this stage, the band program including tutoring sessions, Scripture and in-school sport activities will be postponed until further notice.

Other information about changes to our school programs or routines can be found in yesterday's correspondence to parents and in the note sent home on Monday 16 March. Information has also been sent through Schoolzine.

We will continue to keep you informed as soon as we are aware of any other changes to our school routines.

We thank the school community for their support and understanding as we implement procedures required within our school to meet Department of Education requests.

Ms Fermanis

Principal