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Dear parents/guardians,

RE: Health Alert – Novel Coronavirus

You are probably aware of the coronavirus outbreak in China that has been in the media. The King’s College is committed to the safety of all students, families, staff and community members. Consequently, please be assured that the College is following the advice provided to schools by the Department of Health, Department of Education and Association of Independent Schools of Western Australia (AISWA).

Most people initially infected either live in or travelled to the Hubei Province in China, where the outbreak originated. “The Department of Health advises that the risk of transmission remains low; they are monitoring the situation.” There is cause for the community to be aware but not alarmed.

As part of the College’s proactive approach to reports of coronavirus and advice received from government authorities, we are strongly recommending that you do not send your child(ren) to school and email the School Nurse (nurse@tkc.wa.edu.au) if your child(ren):

- has any cold/flu symptoms;
- has returned to Australia from travelling to or through mainland China or Hong Kong in the past two weeks (please keep your child at home for at least fourteen (14) days from the date of return to Perth); or
- has been in contact with anyone who has returned to Australia from travelling to or through mainland China or Hong Kong in the past two weeks (please keep your child at home for at least fourteen (14) days from the date of contact); or
- has been in contact with anyone who has been confirmed as infected with coronavirus (please seek medical advice and keep your child isolated at home for at least fourteen (14) days from the date of exposure).
For more information, please follow the links below:

Australian Government Department of Health: Novel Coronavirus Information for Parents

Government of Western Australia Department of Health: Novel Coronavirus
https://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/sitecore/content/Healthy-WA/Articles/A_E/Coronavirus

If you are concerned or have any questions, please contact the School Nurse, Mrs Val Baker, by phoning Reception on 9411 4100 or by email: nurse@tkc.wa.edu.au

Kind regards,

Mrs Valerie Baker
School Nurse

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