



Houghton Valley School

Caring, Exploring and Inspiring Together

Ka Manaaki, Ka Rapu, Ka Whakamanawa tahi ai tātou

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Kia ora,

During the weekend there has been much media coverage on this topic. You may be wondering what Houghton Valley School is doing to plan and prepare for an event like this.

The Ministries of Education and Health have been providing excellent communications to school principals on this issue for the last few weeks. If you have checked our Pandemic Planning Policy on-line you will have seen that school specific content is no longer there. Instead we will follow the daily updates from Ministry of Education and Health.

Here is the current advice to us all:

Everybody should follow the following basic principles to reduce the risk of getting an acute respiratory infection or passing it on to others:

- regularly washing hands (for at least 20 seconds with warm water and soap and dry thoroughly).
- covering your mouth and nose when you sneeze.
- staying home if you are sick.
- avoiding close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms.
- if you feel unwell you should avoid public gatherings and events.

Here are two links for those who wish to read more.

Ministry of Education

<http://www.education.govt.nz/.../novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov/...>

Ministry of Health

<https://www.health.govt.nz/.../dis.../covid-19-novel-coronavirus>

Ngā mihi nui

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