Newbury
Primary School

Thursday 4 June 2020

Dear Parents and carers and staff,

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has notified us that a student at Newbury Primary School has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19).

Following advice from DHHS and the Department of Education and Training, Newbury Primary School will be closed from Friday 5 June, for 24 hours initially, to all staff and students.

This closure will allow time for the school and DHHS to work through a contact and containment strategy.

This includes identifying and notifying any person who has been in close recent contact with the affected student who has tested positive to coronavirus (COVID-19).

Affected students, their families and school staff will be notified by DHHS over the next 24 hours and supported to ensure they understand what actions to take.

All students and teachers currently learning and working onsite are advised to remain at home while contact tracing occurs. They must limit movements to home-based activities and not attend public places.

I understand this news will be concerning for many of you. I want to assure you we are doing everything we can to contain and slow the spread of the virus and ensure the health and safety of our whole school community.

The school is being supported by both the health and education departments regarding our next steps and appropriate action.

The school will update all families once the contact tracing has been completed and a decision about reopening the school facilities for students is made. We will continue to keep you informed as further updates become available.

More information regarding coronavirus and schools is available on the DET website.

We wish the student a speedy recovery.

Yours sincerely,

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