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This information is in relation to the current situation concerning the Coronavirus in China, and to advise you that the school is currently monitoring and following the information available from both the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education, and will continue to do so.

Firstly and most importantly, we require you to make contact with the school urgently via email or telephone, if you, your child/children or any family members have been overseas to China during the 2019/2020 school holidays, so we can discuss any precautionary measures with you that may be required. Email: [admin@greenbay.school.nz](mailto:admin@greenbay.school.nz) or Telephone: 09 8176666

Reports currently assess the risk of an outbreak in New Zealand as low but that increased precautions are being taken at our border. The Ministry of Health's current advice is that there is no specific action to be taken at this time.

Just to reaffirm, there are no cases of the virus in New Zealand currently. Should the situation change, as we do with other infectious diseases such as measles, mumps and influenza, we will follow our pandemic plan for managing the illness.

For those of you concerned about possible infection, the Ministry of Health has provided practical information on their website which we encourage you to read - [Novel coronavirus \(2019-nCoV\) guidance – Ministry of Health website](#)

Included is some advice (for travellers) to help reduce the general risk of infection:

1. avoiding very close contact with people showing symptoms
2. frequently washing hands
3. avoiding close contact with sick live farm animals or wild animals
4. practicing cough etiquette (maintain distance, cover coughs and sneezes with disposable tissues or clothing, and wash hands).

The Ministry of Health will continue to update that content as further information becomes available.

The school will continue to monitor information updates from the appropriate authorities.

Regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Anand Muthoo', written over a horizontal line.

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**Principal**

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