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Dear Parents and Carers

NSW Health has provided schools with updated advice on additional measures to help mitigate the risk posed by COVID-19 to school communities. These measures relate to ongoing vigilance associated with safety, health, hygiene and school operations. We will be implementing the changed operational considerations throughout the remainder of the term and continue to monitor the health advice provided.

Important changes have been introduced in relation to staff and students who are unwell. The following protocols must now be adhered to:

- Students absent or sent home due to flu like symptoms need to be tested;
- If you are asked to collect your son who is unwell, we ask that you do not come into the office – call the office when you arrive and we will send your son to the front gate;
- Parents must notify the College when their son has been tested;
- Staff and students must not return to school or work until they return a negative COVID-19 result and are symptom free;
- Schools must sight the negative COVID-19 test result prior to allowing students and staff to return to school. This can be done by forwarding the actual text message (not a screen shot) and including the student's name at the top of the text to 0416 907 361. Alternatively, you can email a screenshot to info@stedwards.nsw.edu.au including the student's name.

We continue to ask parents to keep their son home from school if they have any of the following signs and symptoms:

- fever
- coughing
- sore throat
- shortness of breath

Hygiene, cleaning and safety protocols

We are continuing to implement the hygiene and cleaning protocols that have been introduced in response to COVID-19. Hand sanitising stations are available for students to access all around the school and they are encouraged to use them at the start of the day, at the end of breaks and in the afternoon. We are relying on students being responsible in maintaining this practice. We will continue to employ cleaning personnel to work throughout the day to clean restroom facilities and unused classrooms regularly.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on 4321 6400, or at principal@stedwards.nsw.edu.au if you have any questions or would like to discuss the information outlined in this letter.

Yours sincerely

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