

COVID-19 NEWSLETTER #1- 2020

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Dear Parents,

As you can appreciate the Covid-19 Pandemic is an ever-evolving situation. Please take note of the following:

School Closure

- Be prepared for very little or no advanced warning of school closures. Make plans now, considering your work situation and child care arrangements.

School can be closed for any of the following reasons;

- Not enough staff to safely operate the school (this is most likely to be a short term measure)
- Ministry of Education directive for a period of time (likely to be prolonged)
- Ministry of Health directive for a period of time (likely to be prolonged)

School Absenteeism

If a school is open for instruction children are expected to attend unless they are sick or your family chooses to self-isolate because of contact with a confirmed case.

The Principal can direct a child to stay at home if they suspect they have had contact with a confirmed case.

Hygiene

It is critical you teach your child, and practice at home, correct hygiene practices. There are a range of online resources to help you with this. Children have been reminded to do this at school as well.

Online/Remote Learning

The Ministry of Education is assessing our ability to deliver online learning. In the first instance this requires us to have up to date and correct email and cell phone details. Please notify the office if these have changed recently.

Thank you – Tinwald School Staff