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IMPORTANT UPDATE

Hygiene Practices at Seaford North Primary School

Friday 13 March, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Understandably, there are many questions being asked regarding hygiene practices at Seaford North PS; especially during the current climate.

We would like to inform our school community of our current practices:

- Every classroom has access to hand sanitisers – we have conducted an audit and have spoken with all staff about how these can be used appropriately by staff and students
- Every member of staff and all students have access to antibacterial soap; all soap dispenser levels are checked twice daily; Ms Seremetis (or another staff member) checks during the day and our wonderful cleaners follow up in the afternoon/evening!
- We have spoken to all our students regarding how to wash hands properly; this has been done by using video clips, posters and of course modelling this to our students
- We have also met with our cleaning company to ensure that the cleaning standard of our school is maintained at a high standard

We also understand the importance of regular reminders to our students regarding good hygiene practices and our staff will increase the number of reminders issued to our students during the day.

We ask that our families please reinforce and support our current good hygiene practices at home as well. We have attached posters that our staff are currently referring to with our students.

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is working closely with our Department to inform us of any updated information regarding the Coronavirus. Please see current information below:

Ten ways to reduce your risk of coronavirus

- **Wash** hands often with soap and running water, for at least 20 seconds. **Dry** with paper towel or hand dryer.
- **Try** not to touch your eyes, nose or mouth.
- **Cover** your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. If you don't have a tissue cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or elbow.
- **Isolate** yourself at home if you feel sick. If you take medication ensure you have adequate supplies.
- **Phone** your GP first if you need medical attention. They will tell you what to do.
- **Continue** healthy habits: exercise, drink water, get plenty of sleep, and now is the time to quit smoking. Call the Quitline 137 848.
- **Don't** wear a face mask if you are well.
- **Buy** an alcohol-based hand sanitiser with over 60 per cent alcohol.



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- **Get** the flu shot (available April).
- **Shaking hands** is optional!

We are working closely with all members of the Department of Education to ensure that our school follows advice and recommended procedures in a timely manner. We acknowledge that during this time frustration levels will peak – we do ask that members of our community respect the hard work that is currently being carried out by all our staff.

Ms Seremetis and I are always happy to discuss matters with parents and members of our school community however, please remember that appointments will need to be made at the office as we are currently experiencing a high volume of queries.

We are proud of our Seaford North PS community and we have always been a community that has demonstrated empathy, resilience and above all kindness. All our staff, including teachers, integration aides, office staff and members of our leadership team are working extraordinarily hard at the moment and going above and beyond to maintain a high level of engagement with our students as well as our wonderful community.

On behalf of Ms Seremetis and I as well as all our staff at Seaford North PS we would like to thank all members of our school community for their patience, understanding and continued support.

Kind Regards,

Mr Lee Murnane
Principal