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Dear Families and staff,

**Updated Information Concerning Novel Coronavirus**

On 5 March, there was a further addition to the measures that the Australian Government is taking to protect the community against novel coronavirus. As a result of the continuing increase in the number of cases worldwide and additional high risk countries being identified, the Australian Government has now included a restriction on people travelling from South Korea.

Based on this updated public health advice, we continue to ask that any children, parents or staff members returning from or transiting through mainland China, Iran or South Korea are not to attend any of our Busy Bees Services for at least 14 days after leaving China, Iran or South Korea. In addition, any child or staff member who has come into close contact with someone with a confirmed case of coronavirus also needs to self-isolate for a 14 day period.

The current public health advice is that during this period you should self-isolate at home. Being isolated at home means that you need to remain at home for the full period, except where medical assistance is required. Isolated persons cannot go to work, school or public areas for the full 14 day incubation period and visitors to the home should be discouraged.

Again, while the risk of exposure here in Australia remains relatively low, we believe this precautionary action is needed. The safety and wellbeing of the staff, children, and the wider community associated with our Centres is paramount.

If you have any questions or concerns in relation to the above advice please speak with your Centre Director. If you have concerns you may have been exposed to the virus, the public health advice is to contact your GP immediately and self-isolate.

**For the latest on the coronavirus please refer to the following Australian Government website:** <https://www.health.gov.au/health-topics/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov>

Coronavirus Factsheets issued by the Australian Government's Department of Education can be found at this link: <https://education.govcms.gov.au/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov>

Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation in relation to this important matter.

Warm regards,

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