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Dear Members of the Lindisfarne School Community,

### COVID-19 Principal's Update 19

Thank you for your support as we continue to work with NSW Health to respond to the challenges of the COVID-19 Global Health Pandemic. As previously communicated NSW Health requires schools to:

- exclude students and staff with even mild symptoms of COVID-19
- encourage immediate testing for any symptomatic child(ren) or staff
- prohibit return to school for anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 until a negative COVID-19 test result has been reported to the School.

To support these NSW Health directives parents are required to forward their children's COVID-19 test results indicating a NEGATIVE result by email or text message prior to returning to school and they may return only after their symptoms have abated. This can be done by taking a screenshot of the results and forwarding by email to [reception@lindisfarne.nsw.edu.au](mailto:reception@lindisfarne.nsw.edu.au) or text message to 0438 953 922.

Since Friday, 7 August, the School has had in place an additional requirement for immediate family members, especially school aged siblings of children who attend Lindisfarne, to also self isolate until the result of the family member being tested is negative. I have appreciated the support of the School community in implementing this additional school based measure.

The NSW Ministry of Health advice has been updated for September and now provides some specific information in relation to children as follows;

*Do the members of my household need to self isolate whilst I'm waiting on my test result? No. Household contacts of suspect cases do not need to be in isolation. However, some suspect cases such as children may be hard to separate from the primary caregiver or others in the household. In this case, anyone who has ongoing contact with your child must self-isolate until the child receives a negative test result.*

The school approach will be in line with the latest NSW Health advice. This advice does allow for some considered decision making at the household level but I would encourage families to be conservative in their decision making if in any doubt.

I respectfully ask that when you or a family member present for a COVID-19 test that you carefully follow the comprehensive document provided; *NSW Health self-isolation guidelines for people suspected to have COVID-19 infection* ([here](#)). Please adhere to all of the information in this document.

If you have any questions please contact your relevant Head of SubSchool. Thank you again for your incredible support throughout the year.

Kind regards,

Stuart Marquardt  
Principal