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Dear Parents/ Carers

Re: COVID – 19 Reminder

Parents and Carers are kindly reminded that students should not attend school if they have flu-like symptoms. It remains the case that a number of students are still coming to school when unwell or returning from time away whilst still unwell. Due to the low rates of influenza currently circulating in our community, we must take symptoms seriously. **Students or staff who display flu-like symptoms should not be at school. They are now required to show a negative COVID-19 test result and be free of flu-like symptoms before returning to school.**

If for any reason a parent/ carer is unwilling to allow their child to undertake a COVID test or provide the school with a negative COVID-19 result, the student must be excluded from school for a 10 day period. Additionally, the student must have been symptom free for at least 3 days before returning to school.

In Coonabarabran testing for COVID – 19 can only be undertaken **by appointment** at either the Hospital (ph:6849 1600) or Warrumbungle Medical Centre (ph:6842 3333). The Hospital tests at 2.00 pm and Warrumbungle Medical Centre between 8.30 am – 9.00 am. The cost of testing is covered by Medicare. It is very important that the hospital and surgery have current contact details to expedite communication of test results. With your consent Warrumbungle Medical Centre will share your test results with us to support students return to school at the earliest opportunity. Alternatively, if you provide us with a screen shot of your child's test results (if received via text message), that will suffice. Given the requirement for testing it will be important for an appointment to be made as soon as your child seems unwell as there may be delays if there is a large demand for appointments. So far, the system is working well and we are grateful to parents/ carers and the Medical Centre for the swift provision of test results.

A reminder that 'non-essential' adults are still not permitted on school grounds or at school events. This includes parents and carers. Kindly contact us by phone/ email if you so require.

Should you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours faithfully

Ms M Doolan

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