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- Our school is closely monitoring information being provided by Ministry of Health, in regard to the Coronavirus
- The risk of an outbreak in New Zealand is currently low and Health's current advice is that there is no specific action to be taken at this time
- Just to reaffirm, there are no cases of the virus in New Zealand currently
- Should the situation change, as we do with other infectious diseases such as measles, mumps and influenza, we will follow our pandemic plan for managing the illness
- For those of you concerned about possible infection, the Ministry of Health has provided practical information on their website which we encourage you to read - [Novel coronavirus \(2019-nCoV\) guidance – Ministry of Health website](#)
- Included in there is some advice (for travellers) to help reduce the general risk of infection:
  - avoiding very close contact with people showing symptoms
  - frequently washing hands
  - avoiding close contact with sick live farm animals or wild animals
  - practicing cough etiquette (maintain distance, cover coughs and sneezes with disposable tissues or clothing, and wash hands).
- The Ministry of Health will continue to update that content, as further information becomes available

