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Dear Parents,

Thank you for reading our previous email. This is the follow-up letter.

Unfortunately, the Logan Park High School student has tested positive for COVID-19 today.

Logan Park High School will close for at least 48 hours while close contacts are traced and put in self-isolation and casual contacts will be given advice about what to do if they become unwell. The school will be carefully cleaned before reopening. The school is working closely with Ministry of Education staff and Public Health staff. The family, including the father and student who have tested positive for COVID-19 are all in isolation.

We have already started contact tracing to identify individuals who may have come into close contact with the parent and will be working with the school and family to identify close contacts of the student over the next 24 to 48 hours. Close contacts will be contacted by our staff starting tomorrow morning and asked to go into self-isolation for 14 days from their last contact with the student. More information will be provided to the close contacts. We will make sure the family is well cared for and supported for the rest of their time in isolation.

Information on self-isolation can be found on the Ministry of Health website:

<https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-novel-coronavirus-health-advice-general-public/covid-19-self-isolation>

Information for close contacts is also available:

<https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-novel-coronavirus-health-advice-general-public/contact-tracing-covid-19>

Casual contacts (staff or students who have been more than two metres from the student and/or have had less than 15 minutes contact with the student) do not need to self-isolate. They will be able to return to school as usual when the school re-opens. They should monitor their health over the next 14 days and call Healthline on [0800 358 5453](tel:08003585453) if they have any concerns. The Ministry of Health is updating the information available on its website on a daily basis, and is holding daily media briefings (available to watch live via their website). This is the most reliable source of the latest information for New Zealand.

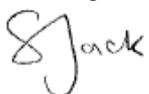
Symptoms of COVID-19 for casual contacts to look out for are:

- a cough
- a high temperature (at least 38°C)
- shortness of breath.

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We appreciate that there are many concerns in the community at the moment. It is most important in these challenging times that we care for and support one another, and continue to play our part in preventing the spread of this illness.

Kind regards,



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