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Dear Parents/Care givers

As the global Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak continues to evolve, I wanted to share with you some important information and steps Bay Island Early Learning & Care is taking to minimise the risk of exposure to our families and the local community. Our greatest priority at this time is the health and safety of all our team members and you, our valued families.

How can we help prevent the spread of coronavirus?

Practising good sneeze/cough hygiene is the best defence against most viruses. You should:

- wash your hands frequently with soap and water, before and after eating, and after going to the toilet
- cover your cough and sneeze, dispose of tissues, and use alcohol-based hand sanitiser
- And if unwell, avoid contact with others (stay more than 1.5 metres from people).

Our Centre has implemented increased infection control measures across all areas including our centre buses. We have now installed a pump sanitiser in our foyer at a suitable height for our children to use upon arrival and departure from the centre. We have also arranged for an external cleaner to come in to sanitise our centre with a focus on touch point cleaning.

Educators have been advised to lead their children in sanitisation processes before they enter the rooms, before and after each meal and when toileting. Educators are discussing and modelling to the children how germs are spread and the importance of washing our hands and covering our nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing.

We are actively following and monitoring all Public Health and Travel advice issued by the Australian Government, including mandatory isolation periods for all team members returning from International travel or who are unwell.

We aim to do everything possible to protect the health, safety and welfare of all educators and any person who may be affected by our operation including our children and their families. Should your child or any family member experience any of the symptoms of Coronavirus, we ask that you keep them at home and to please notify our Centre as soon as possible.

Let's keep everyone "Safe and Healthy"

Kind Regards
Bay Island Early Learning & Care.