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Parent letter – 3-day school closure for the Greater Brisbane area

Dear parents, caregivers

Many of you may now be aware of a number of locally acquired cases of COVID-19 that were confirmed overnight.

As a result, the Premier has today announced that Greater Brisbane will be entering a [3-day lockdown](#), from 5pm tonight until 5pm Thursday 1 April for residents in the local government areas of Brisbane, Ipswich, Moreton, Logan and Redlands.

Our school will therefore be closed for a three-day period from Tuesday 30 March 2021. At present the school will reopen after the Easter School holidays on Monday 19 April 2021.

During this 3-day period, the school will however remain open **for vulnerable children and children of essential workers. Essential workers are those that must currently continue to attend their workplace.**

We kindly ask all parents who can keep their children at home to do so. During this time all on-site sports and extracurricular activities will also be postponed. This means that Cross Country and swimming will not be on.

Students on-site during this period will not be required to wear face masks.

Staff will attend on-site as normal to support those children still attending school and to further plan for their Term 2 lessons.

There is no requirement for schools to provide online learning during this 3-day lockdown. However, parents and students at home are able to access a wide range of resources via the department's [Learning@home website](#).

As a reminder, while the school is closed it is important that we all continue to follow state-wide recommended hygiene and physical distancing measures throughout this period and to stay within our homes as much as possible.

If you are unwell or develop any COVID-19 symptoms at all, please [get tested](#) immediately. Please continue to monitor the [Queensland Health website](#) for affected locations. If you have been to any of the listed locations you should refer to the [online self-assessment](#), [get tested](#), isolate immediately. and contact 13 HEALTH ([13 43 25 84](tel:13432584)) if you have any questions.

I will continue to provide any further updates as appropriate.

I would also encourage you to continue to refer to general information as provided on the [Queensland Health](#) website. It is important that we all continue to focus on our own wellbeing and mental health and there are some great resources and information tools available on this website.

For assistance in languages other than English, please refer to the [National Translating and Interpreting Service](#), and the [Translated Australian COVID-19 information and resources](#).

I thank all parents/carers for your support as we embark on this temporary closure.

I look forward to bringing our whole school community back together again and resuming our normal school operations in Term 2.

Yours sincerely,

Jayne Barnett

