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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Caregivers

COVID Update Number 7/2022 – 8 March 2022

I do hope that most of you had a restful and enjoyable long weekend. For many of our families it has been somewhat different with children/adults testing positive to Covid. The good news is that most are suffering flu like symptoms, and we all hope it does not get any worse.

This is what we presume will be the case for the rest of the term and then we have 2 weeks of respite and rest to get ready for what should be a more normal school year.

Here are some points for us to note about

CLOSE CONTACTS:

1. If your child has been identified as a **close contact**, then they must stay home for at least 7 days and test negative before they return to school. The Health Department rules state they should not leave home unless it is an emergency.
2. As we are getting more and more cases in Perth there is a realization that parents need to go to work. Hence, we have been informed that parents/caregivers of the close contact are **not required** to quarantine but need to ensure that their child is appropriately cared for. This may mean a parent or caregiver needs to miss work or work from home whilst their child is in quarantine.
3. **Siblings, who have not been identified** as close contacts, **are permitted to attend** school.
4. From now onwards students in Years 3-12 with masks, will rarely be deemed as close contacts but we ask parents to find out who their children had lunch/played with so they can contact them and let the family and friends know. We are finding it difficult to get to this data easily and in a timely fashion.

COVID POSITIVE CASES:

5. If your child has COVID then **the whole family is to quarantine** for 7 days unless you can isolate the child away from the rest of the family. Please visit the Healthy WA website we have given you regularly to get more information for clarity.
6. If it is a Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) that was used to confirm Covid, then it must be reported online, and WA Health will send you an SMS with a link to a short survey.
7. Let the school know as soon as convenient.
8. The infectious period is taken from 48 hours before onset of symptoms, or 48 hours before your positive test result if you do not have symptoms, until the end of your isolation period. For example, if you first had symptoms on Wednesday afternoon, your infectious period started on Monday afternoon.

Any child, whether a Close Contact or suffering Covid can access their learning through Seesaw or Seqta. We are determined to do everything in our power for our community, and I thank you all for being so caring and considerate. We will have staff away too, and thus there may be the need to merge some classes for a few days in the future.

With warm regards

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