



COVID UPDATE MONDAY 3 MAY 2021

Dear Parents

On Saturday, 1 May 2021 Premier Mark McGowan advised that there had been three new cases of community transmission of COVID-19 in Perth. As a result, the Premier advised that all residents of the Perth metropolitan area and Peel region **return to wearing masks outdoors as well as indoors.**

The Premier provided a further update advising that no new positive cases of community transmission had been recorded overnight.

The Department of Health website [HealthyWA](https://www.health.wa.gov.au/HealthyWA) has been updated with new exposure sites and has advised anyone who has been at an exposure site is required to go for COVID-19 testing and complete 14 days of self-quarantine, regardless of the result.

While there were no further restrictions to school operations announced today, it has been emphasised that maintaining COVID-safe practices is essential in mitigating the risk of further transmission.

I ask all in our community to be vigilant in established COVID-safe practices. This includes maintaining good hand hygiene, physical distancing where possible and observing the directions provided by Premier Mark McGowan and the Department of Health:

- Masks are mandatory for indoor and outdoor public venues with exemption for medical reasons and for primary school aged children or younger.
- Indoor facilities including school halls, gymnasiums, libraries are open subject to observing the two square metre rule for adults.
- **Masks are required to be worn at all indoor and outdoor venues at school**, with exemption for medical reasons or for primary school aged children and younger.
- Outdoor sport and training can continue e.g. running club, netball training etc and spectators are permitted.

Students in Kindergarten to Year 6 are not required to wear a mask however staff are required to wear masks unless they are providing teaching or instructions to students.

Parents, visitors etc who come on to the school site must wear a face mask while they are indoors and outdoors on the school site and **adhere to the two-square metre and 1.5m distancing rule.** Parents are asked to be particularly mindful of this especially before and after school.

Classes from Pre-Kindy to Year 6 open their doors at 8.30am. Parents are welcome to come into the classroom however please note that **10 parents may be in the classroom at a time** so that we can adhere to the 2sqm rule. Please be aware of all families wishing to spend time in the classroom and share this time accordingly.

Teachers may invite a few **more parent helpers in the classroom** and even more who can assist outside under the veranda or outside in another part of the school eg listening to reading,



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making resources, helping small group of children etc. If there are groups of parents helping outside, the school will be fine with the 2sqm regulation however please remember the 1.5m distancing regulation.

All parents entering classrooms are required to sanitise their hands, utilising one of the many dispensers around the school/classrooms; sign in at the office if on roster and maintain safe social distancing.

We welcome parents to share in our **class liturgies and masses** (following the 2sqm regulation and social distancing). Please check the online calendar for dates of your child's liturgy.

Assemblies will be continuing with parents invited to the Merit Assemblies if their child is receiving an award. All parents and family members are welcome to the **Performance and**

Prayer Assemblies (with COVID regulations being adhered to) as buddy classes only will be in the hall, with the assembly streamed to the classrooms. The latter enables no restriction on parents and family members, such as grandparents, to come and watch their child's assembly.

The **CyberSafety Parent session on Wednesday evening at 6.30pm** will be going ahead in our school hall. **Our Mother's Day Breakfast and Assembly** will go ahead, so I hope to see lots of mums and grandmas on Friday 7 May at 7.45am. **Confirmation Commitment Masses on 8-9 May** will also go ahead. Please remember your masks.

On the **PCPS website you will find a dedicated COVID page** with all correspondence emailed to parents - <https://www.padcath.wa.edu.au/covid-updates-2021>

As I have mentioned before, school staff are aware that the uncertainties of this time can cause distress for children and their families. The wellbeing and pastoral care of students and staff in our school is our highest priority and psychology services and support are available for students who may be experiencing challenges. I encourage you to contact your child's class teacher or Mrs Fisher, our Social Worker, if you have concerns about your child's wellbeing at school.

Let us continue to pray for the many less fortunate communities around our world, that they may find fortitude in dealing with the adversities they are facing, and that the support for their communities will be a source of hope and courage.

Kind regards,

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