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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As you will be aware, Premier Mark McGowan earlier this week announced that the lockdown of the Perth and Peel region ended at midnight on Monday night after Western Australia recorded no new community cases of COVID-19.

While Perth and Peel residents are free to leave their homes and return to work and schools, the interim restrictions announced yesterday will remain in place until 12.01am on Saturday 1 May 2021, including the mandatory wearing of face masks for adults.

As was the case when we transitioned from lockdown earlier this year, our school has a COVID-19 response plan that focuses on the continuation of teaching and learning in changing circumstances. Central to this is a commitment to the safety and pastoral care of all students and staff.

To assist in your planning for the coming days, and acknowledging the possibility that some restrictions may remain in place beyond this week, it is important that all in our community are aware of the operating guidelines in place for schools in the Perth metropolitan area and the Peel region.

Students in Kindergarten to Year 6 are not required to wear a mask, but their teachers and support staff must wear masks.

Visitors to St John's Primary School

- Parents and caregivers are able to come onto school grounds **to drop off and collect** children however must adhere to the COVID-safe directions, as follows:
 - wear a mask at all times;
 - observe physical distancing of 1.5 metres between adults, where practicable; and
 - follow good hand and respiratory hygiene practices.
- Throughout each school day, all staff and students will be continuing to utilise implementing the CEWA Safe Hands, Safe Schools guidelines which was introduced at the commencement of the 2021 school year.

Please note the following:

- Events listed in the Term Two 2021 planner may need to either be cancelled or rescheduled in line with government advice at the time. We will provide updates if changes are made. At this point in time, we will continue to proceed with the current term planner.
- YMCA Before and After School will continue to be open on the St John's school site.
- School canteen will continue to operate.
- School assemblies will proceed with staff and students only. Parents and other visitors may not attend assemblies at this time.
- Playgrounds are open during recess and lunchtime only, therefore, no playing on equipment before or after school.
- Sports training, running club, games and interschool competitions will proceed, attendance is restricted to students and teachers only (with netball training, coaches and managers only), no spectators.
- Large scale school events and activities will proceed at this point in time.
- Water drink fountains are only to be used to fill up water bottles.



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As mentioned on many occasions, please do not send your child to school if they are sick or unwell. I acknowledge the distress that some students may be experiencing as we continue to encounter the challenges that the COVID-19 pandemic presents. I remind you of our commitment to your child's wellbeing at school and encourage you to contact me to discuss concerns that may arise.

I also encourage you to continue monitoring the Department of Health website [HealthyWA](#) as well as the COVID-19 updates on [CEWA's website](#).

Kind Regards

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Principal