



PARENT BRIEFING #10

COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS – SCHOOL CONTINUATION ARRANGEMENTS



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Dear parents and caregivers,

Yesterday evening, Premier Mark McGowan announced that COVID-19 restrictions in the Perth metropolitan area and Peel region will be eased from 12.01am Saturday 1 May. Modified restrictions will remain in place until 12.01am on Saturday 8 May 2021.

The easing of restrictions is very positive news for our school and will mean that many of our planned activities will be able to resume with minimal disruption. Below is an outline of the arrangements and restrictions as they apply to our school.

Mask Wearing

- Students in Kindergarten to Year 6 in the Perth and Peel region are not required to wear a mask, but their teachers and support staff must continue to wear masks.
- Common sense should apply regarding the colour and markings on masks, with staff and students asked not to wear masks that may contain inappropriate markings or designs.
- Students may be exempt from wearing a mask at school under the following circumstances:
 - the student has a physical, developmental or mental illness, injury, condition or disability which makes wearing a face covering unsuitable;
 - when communicating with another person who is deaf or hard of hearing, where visibility of the mouth is essential for communication;
 - when engaged in strenuous or vigorous exercise;
 - when consuming food, drink or medicine, provided that they are seated at the time.

Parents, caregivers and visitors on school premises

- Parents, caregivers and visitors to schools in the Perth and Peel regions must wear a mask and adhere to COVID-safe guidelines while they are **indoors** on a school site. If parents, caregivers and visitors are outdoors on a school site, masks must be worn if physical distancing is not possible.

School assemblies and indoor activities

- Masks are mandatory for indoor school and public venues with exemption for medical reasons and for primary school aged children or younger.
- Churches may reopen to 100% capacity.
- Indoor facilities including school halls, gymnasiums, libraries, community centres, museums, galleries and recreation centres may open subject to observing the two square metre rule.

Outdoor venues and activities

- Outdoor sport can resume with spectators.
- If outdoors, spectators are required to wear masks where physical distancing is not possible.
- Major stadiums are permitted to operate at 75% capacity.

I am grateful to all in our school community – students, parents and staff – for your support in ensuring our school remains a safe environment for all, especially considering the current disruptions to school life. We are indeed blessed that the measures taken have proven so successful and that students in WA are able to engage in their learning with minimal disruption.

I ask that you keep in your prayers communities around the world who continue to experience extreme hardship and suffering during this time.

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

Yours sincerely

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