

Positive COVID Case Protocol

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As you are well aware, COVID is becoming an ever increasing issue in Western Australian schools. As such, we would like to inform our parents of the protocol to be followed at Fountain College in the event of a positive COVID case.

The following process outlines the steps that will be taken by the school to effectively manage any positive COVID case:

- 1) The positive case is reported to Independent Schools WA (AISWA) and WA Health,
- 2) The parents of the class in which the positive COVID case arose will be contacted,
- 3) The necessary precautions at school (including isolation) taken,
- 4) Based on the situation and the advice from AISWA and WA Health, the situation is closely observed and where need be, the relevant parents are informed.

Based on the current advice available at this point in time, all parents should note the following:

- If a student tests positive, they must immediately isolate, along with their siblings, and the front office must be contacted without delay,
- If a parent is not informed to have their child isolated, and the child does not display symptoms, then the child should continue to attend school,
- If a student begins to display symptoms at school, they will promptly be sent home,
- If the child must isolate, classwork will be uploaded to the relevant online platforms for the child to complete and keep up to date with their learning,
- Parents will be notified via text message and emails – any change in these details must be notified to the administration immediately,
- **From this point onwards**, *only* the parents of the class affected will be contacted.

Parents are kindly reminded to provide a mask for their children. In light of the Premier's most recent announcement, **all Year 3 to 12 students** will be required to wear masks as of Thursday, the 3rd of March.

What do I do if my child is ill or is displaying symptoms? They must stay home.

What do I do if my child is a close contact? Parents whose children are deemed a close contact will be notified by the school directly. If you do not receive a message from school or WA Health directly, then your child is not a close contact and should attend school (unless they are symptomatic).

I appreciate the strain COVID puts on the greater school community and thank you for your cooperation and understanding in this matter.

Kindest regards,

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Principal