



St Francis Xavier Primary School

Geraldton Western Australia 6530

Monday, 2 May 2022

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Thank you for all your support this year. The restrictions placed on schools have been challenging for us as a learning community. As you would be aware, the State Government recently announced a significant easing of restrictions for Western Australia.

This came as a surprise and relief but also raised some concerns. I understand many parents are excited, however, St Francis Xavier will be taking a cautious approach to the easing of restrictions as outlined below.

I know this may be different to other schools, however, our priority remains the health and well-being of staff, students, and the school community, followed by the continuation of learning experiences. To date, staff have been fortunate to avoid becoming sick and being forced to isolate, ensuring minimal interruption to learning experiences.

With restrictions easing, additional planning around collapsing classes and accessing relief in the event of significant staff illness has occurred. It still requires a cautious approach to ensure the impact on staffing is limited and the continuation of learning maintained. Simply, if too many staff fall ill at the same time, it may impact student learning experiences.

To support this, staff meetings are continuing online and social distancing continued. The intent is to minimise opportunities that would cause multiple teachers to be absent at the same time interrupting student learning.

To assist in a successful return, I ask that parents continue to be patient as we slowly ease restrictions whilst supporting the well-being of staff and the continuation of student learning. Although face masks are not mandatory, I ask all members of our community to be mindful of your own well-being and those around you.

In the coming days, an invitation will be extended by classroom teachers to families to enter rooms and celebrate children's learning. Information regarding class volunteers will also be sent home. Individual meetings with teachers will continue via TEAMS or can now occur face to face. These can be made by contacting your child's teacher and I encourage you to do so. Parents may be asked by staff to wear a mask during meetings or when visiting classrooms. Please be considerate of individual staff requests.

Assemblies and class liturgies will recommence from week three. Parents of presenting classes and award winners are invited to attend whilst the streaming of assemblies will continue. Information regarding other school events will be communicated as they arise.

If your child is ill, let them recover at home. If your child tests positive for COVID-19, please continue to use the School Self-Reporting Form as required as well as WA Health. These forms can be accessed via the links below;

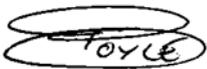
https://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/A_E/Coronavirus/COVID19-testing/Rapid-Antigen-Test

<https://cewa-collections.powerappsportals.com/COVID-19-Self-Reporting-Form/>

I understand that this is a cautious approach and possibly slower than other schools. As a community, we have been blessed to have students continue to attend school daily. In addition to the health and well-being of our community, the continuation of student learning remains our focus.

I look forward to welcoming parents into classrooms and to school events as we ease restrictions.

Kind Regards

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Ben Doyle
Principal