



St Francis Xavier Primary School

Geraldton Western Australia 6530

Tuesday 19th July

Dear Parents and Caregivers

As Premier Mark McGowan has recently communicated, WA is seeing an increasing number of cases of COVID-19 in the community due to the BA.4 and BA.5 Omicron subvariants. While the Chief Health Officer has said that this should not be cause for alarm, we are being encouraged not to become complacent in taking preventative measures to stop the spread of COVID-19, including the wearing of masks.

Masks are **required** to be worn for people aged 12 years and older in the following settings:

- GPs;
- Aboriginal health services;
- Dental and optical health clinics;
- Hospitals, aged care and disability care facilities;
- Public and passenger transport, including school buses;
- Aircraft.

Masks are also encouraged where physical distancing is not possible. Please encourage your child to wear a mask to school if they are unable to physically distance from others. Masks are an effective measure to lessen the risk of both spreading and becoming infected with COVID-19.

A reminder that RATs may be collected from the Office, as required, to support the safe attendance of persons to school and school-based activities.

Please continue to register your child's COVID-19 results via the CEWA Self-Reporting Portal and any positive COVID-19 RAT results on the [WA Health RAT Register](#), as is required by the WA Government.

Kind regards

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