



Warradale Primary School

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Return to school update

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

SA Health and the Department for Education has provided guidance on how we are to manage cases of COVID-19 in schools.

Schools will remain open if there is a case of COVID-19 under the new arrangements. It's very important that you notify us immediately if your child tests positive to COVID-19.

If/when a student or teacher in your child's class tests positive for COVID-19, they will be deemed a 'classroom contact' and the following will occur:

- We will notify all parents in that class of the positive case
- All students and children without symptoms can continue attending school. No rapid antigen testing will be required.
- If your child develops any symptoms (even mild) please keep them home from school and get a COVID-19 test.

Any student who has worked 1:1 with a COVID positive staff member (more than 15mins, indoors, in close proximity and where face masks are not able to be worn) will be asked to complete 7 days of rapid antigen testing ('test to stay') each morning before attending school. We will provide you with the testing kits at no charge. Alternatively, if you don't want your child to complete the 7-day testing, they can quarantine for 7 days. **Students that test positive must not attend school.** The Department is developing online learning resources that can be completed during quarantine.

The Chief Public Health Officer (CPHO) has recommended that 'classroom contacts' should avoid attendance at OSHC and extra-curricular-based activities between days 1 to 7 of exposure.

The CPHO advises classroom contacts should do the following to minimise risk to others, when outside of the school, preschool or ECEC setting between days 1 to 14 of exposure:

- avoid high risk settings or COVID Management Plan events
- wear a surgical mask around others (where age appropriate) and outside your home
- avoid contact with vulnerable people outside of your workplace or family, where possible
- avoid non-essential activities (eg where there are lots of people, inside, in close contact)
- avoid shared spaces and maintain physical distance.

Our staff will also undergo 7 days of rapid antigen testing (test to stay) in the event that they are in a classroom with a student or colleague who tests positive.

It's vitally important that you please:

- keep your child/ren home if they are:
 - o unwell
 - o experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms
 - o any other member of the household has COVID-19
 - o a close contact for a person who has COVID-19 and are required to quarantine
- notify us asap if your child/ren tests positive for COVID-19
- let your child (if in years 3 to 6) know that they will be required to wear a face mask while indoors at school. We will have supplies (including child sizes) for them to wear if they don't have one of their own.

These new guidelines will be in place until the end of week 4 of term 1. However, with the rapidly changing nature of the pandemic, this may be reviewed or changed if and when needed.

Student learning communication:

- ★ **By Friday 28 January, parents/caregivers of students in Foundation and Year 1** will receive a Seesaw message from their class teacher confirming return to school arrangements for Wednesday 2 February.
- ★ **By Monday 31 January, parents/caregivers of students in years 2-6** will receive a Seesaw message from their child's class teacher confirming home learning arrangements. For students in these year levels, we are planning to follow a similar communication and programming structure to the one we used in the previous lockdown, to support students and families to successfully engage with the learning.

Families that require a device or individual support to connect to Seesaw and access home learning materials should email Senior Leader Dylan Evans at Dylan.Evans3@schools.sa.edu.au by this Friday 28 January.

Thank you for your understanding and support in implementing these temporary measures as we continue to adjust to this rapidly changing pandemic.

With kindest regards,



Josh Vick

Principal