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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to advise that our school will open for the start of Term One next week. This is in response to Premier Mark McGowan's announcement last night that the hard lockdown in the Perth, Peel and South West regions will be lifted at 6.00pm today, Friday 5 February. Some restrictions will continue to apply until at least 12:01 am 14 February.

We are delighted that Orana Catholic Primary School will be welcoming our students back to school on Monday 8 February. OSHC will also re-open. Please contact OSHC for any booking amendments.

To uphold current CEWA guidelines, parents and carers must follow the protocols below to safely accommodate our community. Whilst at school all adults must:

- Wear a mask
- Sign in using the SafeWA App if entering a building
- Apply hand sanitiser as you enter a building
- Adhere to the 1.5m physical distancing rule.

Masks

- The most important aspect of the continuing restrictions will be a requirement for all staff members, parents/carers and visitors to wear a mask. There is no requirement for students from Kindergarten to Year 6 to wear a mask; however, they may choose to if they wish.

Pick up and Drop off

The following information about school drop-off applies to the week commencing Monday 8 February to Friday 12 February.

- Parents and carers entering school grounds can utilise the current drop off and collection points or may come into the school grounds to drop off and collect their children.
- Physical distancing must be adhered to, so please consider this particularly when in high traffic areas, such as outside classroom doors.
- Parents and carers from **Pre-Kindy to Year 1 and new families** are welcome to attend classrooms in limited numbers. A maximum of 10 adults including Orana staff members are permitted into a classroom at any one time.
- Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten classrooms will be accessible from 8:45am – 9:30am. Official Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten start time is 9:00am and will be in place from Monday 15 February.
- Year 1 classrooms will be accessible from 8:30am – 9:00am.
- Classroom access is restricted to **one parent/carer per child**.
- Please be mindful of other parents/carers; time limits may apply at peak times.
- The directions of Orana Catholic Primary School staff must be followed at all times.

Hygiene

Staff will continue to remind your children to wash and/or sanitise their hands regularly, especially when entering and exiting their classroom; after going to the bathroom and before eating. Please also encourage your children to wash their hands when leaving and returning

home. There are supplies of sanitiser around the school and good hand hygiene is encouraged.

Sickness

If your child is unwell, for their health and everyone's safety, please do not send them to school and seek medical advice. Please also keep your child home if they or a close contact are awaiting a COVID test result. Normal processes for advising the school of a child's absence will apply.

Water Bottles

Students are required to bring a water bottle as the water fountain bubblers are not in use. Students will be able to fill up their water bottles during the day as required.

Cleaning

Heightened cleaning procedures will continue, including regular cleaning of student desks and shared areas.

Scheduled School Events

All scheduled school events for the week commencing Monday 8 February to Sunday 14 February inclusive have been postponed.

The following events are postponed until further notice.

- Parent Information Night
- Year 6 Leadership Assembly
- Community Mass
- Senior Assembly

Parent Information Night will now be delivered online. A digital package will be sent to parents on Monday 15 February.

Assemblies

Following this week, we anticipate that assemblies will continue to take place in the school hall with attendance by invitation, based on the assembly type. Sign in processes, hygiene requirements and the 1.5m physical distancing rule will apply to assemblies.

Celebrating Student Birthdays

Birthdays are acknowledged at assemblies and in classrooms. It is not necessary for your child to bring in food items to share for their birthday. If you choose to send something in, please ensure items are individually wrapped and are not homemade, considering healthy eating guidelines. These will be handed out at the end of the school day.

I appreciate that parents and students will have many questions about the new arrangements and assure you that I will continue to provide information about the requirements as soon as it becomes available. If your child is particularly anxious about starting school, please contact admin@orana.wa.edu.au or 9376 8300.

Information about the Government's announcement is available on the wa.gov.au site. The latest health information is available through [WA Health Department](#).

Our school staff will continue to work closely with you to ensure that all children can be welcomed back to school on Monday, 8 February in a safe manner. Your child's health and well-being remain our first priority.

Dee Johnston

Principal
Orana Catholic Primary School