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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware, under current WA Government requirements, students in primary schools are not required to wear masks while at school. The Minister for Education has stated that as case numbers increase, there will be a requirement for students from Year 3 onwards to wear masks at school.

The change in the definition of close contacts in school settings has reinforced the importance of mask-wearing. Primary students are being significantly impacted by positive COVID-19 cases, as entire classes are being identified as close contacts. Close contacts are required to isolate for seven days and this has huge implications for the entire family.

I would encourage parents of children in Years 3 and above, to discuss with your children, the possible wearing of masks at school and the potential for this to become compulsory in the days ahead. We are aware that some of our children are already choosing to wear a mask at school.

As part of an education program to support your child in transitioning to a possible mask mandate, in Years 3 and above, we will be discussing correct wearing of masks. You are strongly encouraged to consider sending your child to school with a mask, particularly if you believe they are in any way vulnerable.

If you are purchasing masks for your child, especially for younger children, please ensure that they are child-sized and fit appropriately.

Kind regards

Dee Johnston
Principal