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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to advise you that there has been a positive case of COVID-19 at Orana Catholic Primary School.

The case attended the Year 3 Blue classroom on Tuesday 29th March, whilst infectious. They were wearing a mask. It has been determined that there are no school based close contacts of this case. Please note that any student wearing a mask throughout the day in Year 3 Blue is not considered a close contact.

Nonetheless, this news should come as a timely reminder for all members of our school community to monitor for COVID-19 symptoms and seek testing if symptoms develop.

Further advice for all families and staff:
- Orana Catholic Primary School remains open.
- As for everyone in Western Australia, we ask that you monitor your child/yourself for symptoms of COVID-19 and get tested and isolate until you receive a negative result, if symptoms develop.
- Please note that the Omicron strain can present with less typical symptoms such as diarrhoea, particularly in children.
- If you or your child develops symptoms, please do not attend school or OSHC.

This development may make your child feel worried or anxious, as it will many of us who are parents. It is important to remember that you can help your child at this time, first by listening attentively to their concerns, and then by providing some reassurance. Our social worker is available for support via email. kathryn.warburton@cewa.edu.au

As a Catholic school, the safety and wellbeing of our students is always our priority, as is showing care and support for all members of our community. Please refrain from sharing this news via social media and allow the school, CEWA and WA Health to communicate the facts – protecting both the privacy and dignity of all concerned.

If you have queries or concerns regarding your child, please contact the school. If you have health concerns, please contact WA Health on 1300 316 555 or ncovcontact@health.wa.gov.au.

Kind regards

Dee Johnston
Principal