5th April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Child's Name:

I am writing to advise you that there has been a positive case of COVID-19 at Orana Catholic Primary School. On advice from WA Health, I am providing the following information.

The case attended Pre-primary Blue on Monday, 4th April 2022, while infectious.

Students who were in Pre-Primary Blue at the same time as the case have been identified as **non-household close contacts** and should get tested within 24 hours. The end of isolation date and time for these students is: 11th April, at 3.10pm.

Any student who has already recovered from being COVID-19 positive will not be identified as a close contact for 12 weeks following their isolation period.

Under very high caseload settings, students identified as close contacts must take a PCR test or a RAT within 24 hours of notification. Provided the test is negative, and they have no symptoms, they may:

- continue attending school provided they do not develop symptoms;
- attend care services and Outside School Hours Care (OSHC);
- attend sporting or cultural training, practice, or events organised through the school and held immediately before or after school; and
- travel between their usual place of residence and their school, only, avoiding public transport where possible.

At all other times when they are not engaged in an activity listed above, these students should isolate at home. If these students have not developed any symptoms in this period, the following key dates apply:

Date of end of isolation PCR test: Sunday 10th April or
Date of end of isolation RAT test: Monday, 11th April and the
End of isolation date and time is: Monday 11th April at 3.10pm

Please upload the initial PCR or RAT result to the Self-Reporting Portal within 24 hours and before attending school tomorrow, Wednesday 6th April here.You do not need to upload the end of isolation test to the portal as your child will be on school holidays.

If a student develops symptoms or becomes a household close contact (for example, if a family member is confirmed COVID-19 positive), these arrangements above do not apply, and they must stay home and isolate for 7 days.

You can find out more about what to do if you or your child is a close contact including testing dates at https://healthcloudtrialmaster-15a4d-1711fadea38.force.com/AdviceCloseContacts/s/.

COVID-19 PCR testing can be accessed at a COVID Clinic. A list of clinics can be found here: https://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/COVIDclinics

Further advice for all families and staff:

- Orana Catholic Primary School remains open.
- If your child was not in this class/room at the same time as the case, your child is not a close contact.
- 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 the Care Service/school.

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. 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. I will keep you updated when further information is to hand. Please monitor for further communication from ourselves and WA Health.

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

Kathryn Alp
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