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Dear parents and carers,

As you may be aware, the State Government has announced that Western Australia has moved to 'very high caseload' settings from 12.01 am today, Thursday 10 March.

We continue to follow the latest WA Health advice. I do understand that this advice is quite detailed, so I suggest that you save and print this letter for future reference.

As before, if a member of your household is COVID-19 positive, then the whole household are deemed household close contacts and testing and isolation protocols apply. Students should not come to school under these circumstances.

If your child is unwell, they should stay at home and get tested.

However, under the 'very high caseload' settings, students who are *asymptomatic* close contacts (other than those who are household close contacts) may now:

- continue attending school;
- attend before-school care or after-school care; and
- travel between the student's usual place of residence and their school.

(An asymptomatic person is someone who has no COVID-19 symptoms).

At all other times, asymptomatic close contacts should quarantine for seven days and get tested. As with other close contacts, children who are identified as close contacts must be tested on Day 1 and Day 6 (if a PCR test) or 7 (if a Rapid Antigen Test).

These arrangements do **not** apply to children who are 'household close contacts' or who are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms.

Students are considered close contacts if they are:

- A household member of a person with COVID-19 who has had contact with them during their infectious period; or
- Someone who has had close personal interaction with a person with COVID-19 during their infectious period, including:
 - At least 15 minutes face to face contact where a mask was not worn by the exposed person and the person with COVID-19; or
 - Greater than two hours within a small room or a classroom environment with a person with COVID-19 during their infectious period, where masks have been removed for this period by the exposed person and the person with COVID-19 (note: others wearing masks in this scenario would not be a contact); or
 - Someone who is directed by WA Health that they are a close contact.

As always, our priority is to continue face-to-face learning. If your child is required to isolate, work will be made available for them to complete at home. If your child's teacher is required to isolate, your child may have a different teacher for periods of time. It is likely that we will need to re-arrange many non-essential school activities over coming months to ensure our teachers are in classrooms teaching.

For more information on very high caseload protocols, visit wa.gov.au.

Thank you for your understanding as we take the necessary steps to keep our school safe and open for learning.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school on 6207 2100.

Your sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Fuller', written in a cursive style.

Paul Fuller | **Principal**

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