



Dear parents and carers,

The state government has announced that public health and social measures will be eased from 12.01am Friday 29 April (details at [wa.gov.au](https://www.wa.gov.au)).

For schools, these changes include:

- masks no longer mandatory at school except for in [specific settings and circumstances](#). Masks are encouraged for staff and students (Year 7 and above) where physical distancing is not possible.
- density and capacity limits no longer apply to school activities
- asymptomatic close contacts no longer required to isolate (see requirements below)
- an additional supply of RATs for all students and staff.

If your child becomes an asymptomatic close contact, due to a person in your household being COVID-19 positive, they will no longer have to isolate for 7 days. They will be required to:

- do a daily Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) and receive a negative result each day to attend school
- wear a mask at school (for students in Year 7 and above) and when travelling on public transport or ride-share.

We will let you know when you can collect the free RATs the state government is providing for all students. In the meantime, if your child becomes symptomatic or a household close contact, please contact us.

All school activities can resume, and we will continue to follow COVID-19 safe measures:

- all staff and regular workers (including regular volunteers) at school are double dose vaccinated (third dose vaccinated within one month of being eligible)
- adequate ventilation in each classroom, in line with health advice
- enhanced cleaning remains in place.

If your child becomes symptomatic they should stay home and be tested for COVID-19. Refer to [healthywa.wa.gov.au](https://www.health.wa.gov.au) for information on close contact definition, testing and isolation requirements. You should notify the school if your child tests positive for COVID-19.

Thank you for your continued efforts in keeping our school COVID-19 safe.

Kind regards

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