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Dear Parents/Caregivers

I hope you had a blessed Easter with your family and are refreshed and ready for all Term 2 has in store for us. We look forward with genuine excitement for the return of students tomorrow (Thursday 28 April).

The Minister for Health, Hon Amber Jade-Sanderson announced today that effective 12.01am, Friday 29 April 2022, public health measures in Western Australia will be eased to what is now being called 'baseline settings'.

St Norbert College continues to work with CEWA, the Department of Health and the Department of Education to determine the full implication for school operations, going forward. It has been recommended that schools continue to adhere to current guidelines for the remainder of this week with the new Operating Guidelines coming into effect in CEWA schools from Monday, 2 May 2022.

This includes restricting contact between year groups so our current position on year level homerooms, mixed year groups assemblies and gatherings and the wearing of the College Physical Education uniform on days when students have HPE classes, remains until further notice.

While masks are no longer mandatory for students or staff from and including Friday, the wearing of masks can continue if desired and is encouraged where physical distancing is not possible. Masks are required for those aged 12 and over in the following settings:

- hospitals, aged care and disability care facilities;
- airports and public transport; and
- shared transport.

Schools are no longer considered close contact venues. A child who attends class with a peer who later tests positive to COVID-19 will no longer be identified as a close contact.

Asymptomatic household close contacts, meaning they do not have any COVID-19 symptoms, can now return to school following a daily negative RAT result and continued mask wearing.

Any child who becomes symptomatic should stay home and be tested for COVID-19. Please continue to refer to www.healthywa.wa.gov.au for information on close contact definitions, testing and isolation requirements.

A reminder that any positive COVID-19 result should be reported on the school's COVID-19 Self-Reporting Portal and positive COVID-19 RAT results must also be reported on the WA Health RAT Register, as is required by the WA Government.

The easing of restrictions has meant some of our school activities can resume this term, including school camps, assemblies and gatherings and interschool sport. We will provide more information on the requirements and additional COVID-19 considerations for each activity as they arise on the school calendar in the near future.

We have had an increased number of staff impacted in the past few days and the understanding of our community has been outstanding. We appreciate your ongoing support as we continue to ensure that any impact to our teaching and learning program is minimised under these conditions.

We are looking forward to a vibrant and exciting Term 2.

Kind regards,

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