



# Wyoming Public School

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## Important Information and Frequently Asked Questions

*Please read the information below in conjunction with previous information - while some information is repeated it also includes answers to some questions that have arisen.*

### **What COVID safe strategies is the school implementing?**

Our COVID safe strategies include:

- Rapid antigen test (RAT) kits will be provided to all families to help monitor your child's health and minimise transmission of COVID-19 across our school.
- Staff will wear surgical masks indoors. Mask wearing is recommended for students.
- All gates to the school will be locked during school hours therefore limiting visitors to the school. Should you need to collect your child from school please phone as you arrive so that your child can meet you at the gate.
- Students will be kept in their stage groups, with staggered afternoon pick-up times.
- Canteen will be through order only.
- Students who show any symptom of COVID-19 (fever, sore throat, coughing, runny nose) **must not** attend school. Families of any student who becomes sick while at school will be asked to immediately collect their child.

### **How will the Rapid Antigen Testing Program Work?**

Families are encouraged to participate in the Rapid Antigen Testing (RAT) program by testing their child twice per week (Tuesday and Thursday of the first week and Monday and Wednesday of each following week). Families of students in support classes are encouraged to conduct daily tests.

The initial 4 tests per student (10 for students in support classes) will be available for collection from the school hall on *Friday 28 January 12 (midday – 3pm) and Monday 31 January (9am-3pm)*.

### **What do I do if my child tests positive on a RAT?**

1. Upload the positive result on the Service NSW website
2. All members of your household must isolate for a minimum of 7 days (from the date of testing).
3. Call the school to inform us of the positive result

*Please follow the advice from NSW health to confirm the length of isolation for each household member.*

### **What if a member of our household tests positive for COVID but my child test negative?**

Your child must isolate for 7 days even if they test as negative on a RAT.

### **What information will the school release regarding positive cases?**

Under the new close contact rules, schools are no longer included in contact tracing. The school community will be advised of the positive case, asked to monitor for symptoms in their child and encouraged to participate in the RAT program.

We are expecting that a number of these notifications will be sent to families.

### **What if my child had COVID during the holidays?**

It is recommended that students that return to school after recovering from COVID-19 do not participate in rapid antigen test surveillance for 28 days following release from self-isolation.

NSW Health have advised that people who have recovered from COVID-19 have a low risk of contracting it again in the following 28 days. After 28 days from isolation exit, students may resume participation in the RAT program.

### **My child has allergies and has a cough/runny nose - what do I do?**

Do not send your child to school with any symptom of COVID.

If your child has allergies (hayfever, sinus etc) please call the school and speak to the Principal regarding your situation and the procedure to follow to allow your child to continue to attend.

Families of any student who becomes sick while at school will be asked to immediately collect their child.

### **I would like my child to wear a mask - where are these available?**

Primary school students are strongly recommended to wear well-fitted masks while indoors. These will be available to students as they enter class. Please note that fabric or vented masks are not to be worn. The following infographic can be used to help your child wear their mask correctly.



### **Where does my child need to go in the mornings before class?**

| <b>Stage</b>    | <b>Dry weather</b>                          | <b>Wet weather</b>           |
|-----------------|---|------------------------------|
| Early Stage 1   | Fixed Equipment, Infants Soccer, Putt Putt  | KM & Outside cover near room |
| Stage 1         | Multi Courts, Mini Basketball, Go Kart Area | Hall                         |
| Stage 2         | Stage 2 Oval, Handball Courts               | Fixed Equipment              |
| Stage 2         | Stage 3 Oval, COLA                          | COLA                         |
| Support Classes | Classroom                                   | Library                      |

**Where can I collect my child from in the afternoon?**

We strongly suggest that parents of students in Stage 2 and 3 arrange a meeting place outside of the school for afternoon collection (e.g. Maidens Brush Park).

Students who are walking home, meeting their parent at a location *outside of school* or catching the bus home will remain in class until 2.45pm. All other students will be available for collection as per the table below:

| <b>Stage</b>    | <b>Time</b>                       | <b>Area</b>       |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Support Classes | 2.35pm                            | Veronica Crescent |
| Stage 1         | 2.30pm                            | Hall COLA         |
| Stage 2         | 2.40pm                            | Hall COLA         |
| Stage 3         | 2.40pm                            | Bus Gate          |
| Kindergarten    | 2 February – 4 February<br>2.15pm | Veronica Crescent |
|                 | From 7 February<br>2.40pm         | Veronica Crescent |

**Where can I find more information?**

Visit *COVID-19 Advice* and *Advice for Families* page of the Department's website <https://education.nsw.gov.au>

*We appreciate your continued understanding with this rapidly changing situation. While I am sure errors will be made along the way we are doing the best that we can to keep everyone safe.*

*R. Wild.*

Rebecca Wild  
Principal  
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