



# Wyoming Public School

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Dear parents and caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 1 2022. We look forward to commencing our term with our bright-eyed students in Grades 1-6 on Tuesday 1 February and Kindergarten on Wednesday 2 February.

Please read the following information carefully as it contains important information about our COVID safe strategies.

We understand that you may be feeling many emotions – excitement and thankful that students will return to face-to-face lessons, worried and anxious about possible COVID exposure at school and/or disappointment that we have not returned to the “business as usual” approach we were hoping for. Please be assured that it is normal to feel any, all, or a mix of these emotions. Wyoming Public School staff are ready to tackle any challenges that lay ahead and are dedicated to having students return in the safest manner possible.

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.

Should your child test positive you are required to follow NSW Health requirements by uploading the result on the Service NSW website, informing the school and commencing isolation for 7 days. Negative test results do not need to be reported.

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<sup>st</sup> January (9am-3pm)*.

If you are unable to attend, please arrange a friend or family member to collect on your behalf or contact the school so they can be sent home with your child when they return.

As the collection area may be busy, please remember to follow social distancing guidelines.

All future tests will be sent home with students in the coming weeks.

Please note that participation in this program is not mandatory but strongly encouraged for the safety of students and staff.

### **What happens if a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19**

Under the new close contact rules, schools are no longer included in contact tracing and will therefore continue to operate. Families will be informed of the positive case and asked to closely monitor for symptoms in their children.

### **Afternoon collection Procedures**

To reduce crowding at gates and pickup locations 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

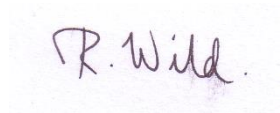
Kindergarten	2 February – 4 February 2.15pm	Veronica Crescent
	From 7 February 2.40pm	Veronica Crescent

We thank you for your understanding that these procedures may change at short notice. Don't forget to download the school app and enable notifications as this allows us to contact all families quickly and easily.

Please follow the rules and procedures in place - we are trying our best to keep your children safe and look forward to the days that mask, social distancing and sanitiser are behind us.

Further information is available on the *Visit COVID-19 Advice* and *Advice for Families* page of the Departments website <https://education.nsw.gov.au>

Kind Regards



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