



Friday 5 February 2021

Dear Parent and Carers

I am writing to advise that our school will open for the start of Term One next week. This is in response to Premier Mark McGowan's announcement last night that the hard lockdown in the Perth, Peel and South West regions will be lifted at 6.00pm today, Friday 5 February. However, some restrictions will continue to apply until at least 12:01 am 14 February.

We are delighted and excited that Mary's Mount Primary School will be welcoming our students back to school on Monday 8 February at 8.30a.m.

The most important aspect of the continuing restrictions will be a requirement for all staff members to wear a mask. There is no requirement for students from Kindergarten to Year 6 to wear a mask, however they may choose to if they wish.

The following information about school drop-off on Monday is provided for your information:

- **We encourage all families, where possible to use the Kiss and Drive facility to minimise the number of parents on school grounds. Staff will be present to meet and transition your child to their classroom.**
  - **Years 3-6 Davies Crescent**
  - **K-2 Noel Road**
- Parents are permitted to enter the school grounds; however, they must:
  - Wear a mask at all times
  - Practice 1.5m physical distancing, where practicable; and
  - Follow good hygiene practices.
- If entering the school grounds, you are encouraged to drop your child at the door of the classroom and leave the school grounds promptly.

I appreciate that parents and students will have many questions about the new arrangements and assure you that I will continue to provide information about the requirements as soon it becomes available. If your child is particularly anxious about starting school or is demonstrating anxiety around the recent bushfires in our area, please contact your classroom teacher or myself. The school is understanding of the emotional wellbeing of all students, and provisions will be put into place to assist parents in making sure your child feels safe and secure in our care.

Information about the Government's announcement is available on the [wa.gov.au](http://wa.gov.au) site. The latest health information is available through [WA Health Department](http://WA Health Department).

Our school staff will continue to work closely with you to ensure that all children can be welcomed back to school on Monday, 8 February in a safe manner. Your child's health and well-being remain our first priority.

Please find attached the updated Term 1 Planner, with adjustments due to the delayed start.

Regards

**Emma Bell**  
Principal