



27 April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

## **Post lockdown WA Public Schools Operating Guidelines: Perth and Peel regions- Schooling arrangements for Week 2 Term 2, 2021**

I trust that this letter finds you and your family safe and well; and that that you were not too inconvenienced by the lockdown and its restrictions over the ANZAC long weekend?

As you will be aware the State Government has now lifted the Covid-19 lockdown; however, some restrictions remain in place until midnight, this coming Friday 30 April. You will note that these are very much in line with the arrangements implemented at the beginning of Term 1, this year.

I apologise for the timing in sharing these, which is due to them being issued by Central Office last night.

### **Specific arrangements for Kenwick School**

#### **School Bus Services**

These will run as per usual; however additional hygiene and social distancing measures may be in place. You are advised to check-in with your Bus Contractor to establish these protocols.

#### **Parent/carers drop-off/pick-ups** *(to assist with social distancing measures)*

- Drop off times will be limited from between **9:00 to 9:15**; pick-ups from **2:00 to 2:15**;
- Parents/carers will drop students at either the Primary or Secondary School gates.
- Masks must be worn on school grounds by parents and carers;
- Our staff at the gates will be wearing face masks and will sign the students in and out;
- Students are required to apply hand sanitizer (supplied by the school) prior to entering school grounds;
- Parents/carers/visitors can enter Admin Office but not school grounds (beyond the Primary and Secondary gates); and
- Additional staff will be available to assist and direct during transit times.

#### **Fitness for schooling**

- Parents/carers of children with complex medical conditions, should seek medical advice to ensure that school attendance is appropriate;
- Parents/carers must ensure that their child is fit for school, meaning their child is not showing signs of ill health (for example runny noses, temperature, coughs etc.);
- If students arrive at school unwell, or develop symptoms during the school day, parents will be required to collect them immediately; and
- Students who are unwell will not be allowed to travel on contract school buses.



## **General Department of Education arrangements for Week 2, Term 2**

From 12:01am on Tuesday 26 April 2021 until 12:01am on Saturday 01 May 2021 all persons who live in the Perth and Peel regions are subject to certain restrictions and requirements as part of a post lockdown restriction period.

As of Tuesday, 27 April 2021, schools will be open for all students.

Masks are required to be worn by all staff at all schools and secondary school students, unless:

- the person has a physical, developmental or mental illness, injury, condition or disability which makes wearing a face covering unsuitable;
- the person is communicating with a person who is deaf or hard of hearing and visibility of the mouth is essential for communication;
- engaged in strenuous or vigorous exercise;
- the person is consuming food, drink or medicine, provided that they are seated at the time.

Teaching staff are permitted to remove their mask while teaching to help with clear communication, and instruction.

Primary school students are not required to wear masks while attending school.

Schools should maintain cleaning regimes as per Phase 4 guidelines.

Schools should reinforce COVID-safe behaviours, including:

- Individuals should stay home when unwell;
- Promote and practice good personal hygiene.
- Ensure physical distance of 1.5 metres between adults, where practicable;
- As per the AHPPC guidelines, promote outdoor air ventilation, where possible.

Parents are allowed on school sites; provided they:

- wear a mask at all times;
- practice 1.5 metres between adults physical distancing, where practicable; and
- follow good hand and respiratory hygiene practices.

Travel between Perth and Peel regions and the rest of WA is permitted with the exception of some remote Aboriginal communities, but anyone who has been in Perth, Peel or Rottnest since Saturday 17 April must follow the mask restrictions



These arrangements will be in place and reviewed as updated information becomes available to us by the Department of Education. As always, State Government decisions will be based on the best health advice.

We want all families and children to feel supported and informed during this time. I thank you for your partnership, support and understanding as we navigate this together.

To keep up to date with any changes in respect to your child's schooling and the Coronavirus I once again urge you to access:

1. Our School website and hitting the Coronavirus (COVID-19) information button at <http://kenwickschool.wa.edu.au/> for the latest actions taken to support your child;
2. The **SeeSaw** App; and
3. The Department of Education website <https://www.education.wa.edu.au/coronavirus-school-update> for the latest on the system-wide management of this pandemic.

In closing, please feel free to contact me directly should you require any clarification of the above; or should you wish to provide any feedback.

Stay well everyone.

Kind Regards

Mark Watson  
Principal-