



WEST LEEDERVILLE  
PRIMARY

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

### COVID UPDATE 8 FEBRUARY 2022

#### HIGH CASELOADS IN WA COMMUNITY – LEVEL 1

Dear Parents and Carers

Further to my previous COVID-19 communications, you may have seen the announcement on Monday 7 February by the Premier Mark McGowan of the high caseload regulations in place across WA as of Tuesday 8 February 2022.

This announcement included additional measures to keep our schools open and providing face-to-face learning to your children titled High Caseloads – Level 1.

In the current settings, parents and carers can no longer enter classrooms or school buildings, including to volunteer. Volunteering in the canteen or at the uniform shop is still permitted, while following the WA Government mask wearing mandates, and physical distancing from other adults.

You are allowed on school grounds for drop-off and pick-up in outdoor locations, but please physically distance, avoid gathering where possible, follow mask wearing requirements and limit your time on school grounds. If you have older students, you may consider making arrangements to drop off and pick up outside the school gates school gates. School playgrounds are currently close before and after school hours.

Other strategies we have implemented to minimise the risk of COVID-19 entering or being transmitted at schools including:

- using video conferencing for parent-teacher meetings as opposed to face-to-face meetings (your classroom teacher will be in contact with you shortly with dates and details of how to use web ex conferencing or SeeSaw);
- moving parent-teacher meetings to online or over the phone;
- using the SeeSaw messaging service to allow you to share quick messages as needed;
- cancelling or postponing parent and community meetings/gatherings on school sites;
- changing the format of indoor face-to-face events;
- cancelling or postponing incursions and excursions or school camps for Term 1;
- limiting the mingling of class groups; and
- where possible and reasonable modifying timetables, lunch and recess routines to limit interaction between classes.

For more information on the high caseload protocols visit [WA.gov.au](https://www.wa.gov.au).

We would like to thank our school community for their prompt action and excellent two-way communication in regards to students and parents who were at the *Loftus Recreation Centre Exposure*

Site at the specified times. We have been notified that a small number of students and parents are in quarantine while awaiting a negative test results, with a number of students and parents already confirming a negative test result and returning to school as per the casual and close contact protocol.

Please refer to new regulations and classifications of close contacts come into effect today as details on the [WA.gov.au](http://WA.gov.au) website.

Please be aware that we did have to speak to some older students yesterday who were saying they were at the Loftus Recreation Centre and were not in quarantine as per advice. These students had visited the Loftus Centre but were not there at the exposure times. We encourage families to talk with their children about the importance of not sharing misleading information with their friends as this can cause anxiety and fear for other students and families.

Thank you for your understanding as we take the necessary steps to keep our students safe and open for learning. It is indeed challenging with the frequently changing regulations, but I am thankful that our community is responsive to the direction of the school staff when appropriate.

Could you please ensure that you share this information with any grandparents, carers or nannies that are involved in dropping off or picking up your children from school.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school on 08 9366 9750 or email [westleederville.ps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:westleederville.ps@education.wa.edu.au)

Warm Regards  
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Principal