

## ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

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**Dear Parents and Carers** 

You will all be aware of the continuing very low level of transmission of the COVID-19 virus within the WA community. Since the start of Term Two, we have had a steady increase in students physically returning to school with 82% of students forecast to be onsite on Monday 11 May. As a result, St John's School is adjusting the way in which we are working with our students. This adjustment has been made after consultation with Catholic Education Western Australia (CEWA). As of Monday 11 May, all teachers will be moving to a more direct mode of instruction for students physically onsite. This method sees a return to teaching and learning strategies that are conventionally used in the primary school setting. The school will continue with the required COVID-19 procedures necessary to keep students and staff safe and healthy as outlined by CEWA and the Department of Health. The health and wellbeing of students and staff will continue to be at the forefront of all decisions made at St John's School.

Parents and carers still have the choice for their child to attend school or learn from home. The individual decision that families make will be fully respected by the Staff of St John's School. For the students who are working from home, teachers will continue to provide quality support in the completion of their learning tasks. Learning outlines will continue to be posted on the various digital platforms that we have in operation for students who are offsite. These posts will occur slightly earlier to allow teachers to be ready for onsite student arrival. Staff will continue to check in on the digital platforms at different intervals during the day. However, check in times will vary from the previously advertised times due to internal timetable changes. If your child is experiencing difficulties with a learning task, please post the query online and whilst waiting for assistance, encourage your child to undertake a different question or task. The query will be attended to in a timely manner. If the support is urgent, please phone the School Office and a staff member will assist over the telephone.

For students working from home, individual classroom teachers are aware of where your child is currently at with their learning because of the pastoral care phone calls made over the course of this week. Based on these discussions, teachers will ensure that your child's learning at home is catered for accordingly. Where required, and as previously requested, take home packs will be provided for students working at home. Details in regard to the pick up of these take home packs will be communicated to the respective parents. Regardless of whether your child is learning at school or home, equity of learning opportunities will be provided for all students.

Thank you to those parents/carers who have kept us updated in regard to their decision for their child to return to school or continue to learn from home. If you have not spoken to one of the Office Staff or a classroom teacher this week, to communicate this information, please make contact so we can plan accordingly.

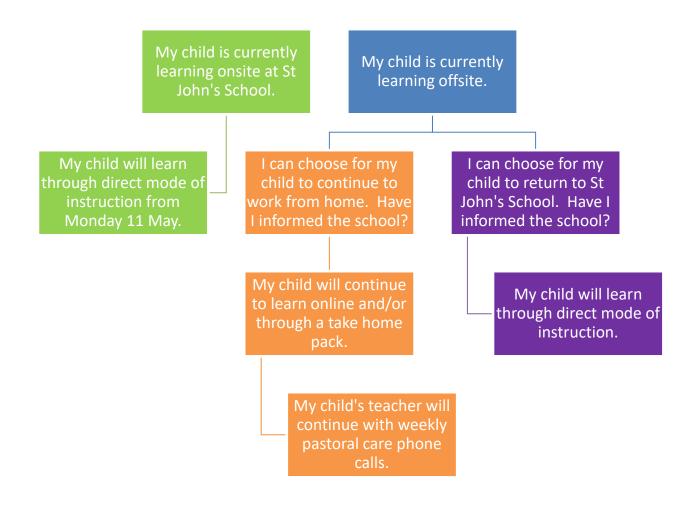
On the reverse of this letter is a flow chart that has endeavoured to condense this information into point form. As you are all aware, we are navigating through unprecedented and unpredictable times. In the days and weeks ahead, there may be national or state or CEWA announcements pertaining to schools. Any further developments will be communicated to families in a timely manner and I thank you in anticipation for your understanding if changes are required at a school level. Thank you for your continued support, your partnership and your patience. As always, please contact me if you wish to further discuss any aspect of this letter.

Yours sincerely

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## The safety and well being of all students and staff are our first priorities.



We respect the choice parents/carers make in regard to their child's learning

