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Dear Parents and Carers

This evening, Catholic Education Western Australia (CEWA) has sent out communications in relation to the announcement by the Minister for Education and Training, the Hon Sue Ellery and the Minister for Child Protection and Community Services, the Hon Simone McGurk around the new high caseload protocols specifically for school and childcare settings. These protocols take effect as of tomorrow, Tuesday 8 February.

Parents on School Grounds:

- Parents will be permitted on school sites for drop-off and pick-up in outdoor locations only; consequently, parents should not be visiting classrooms.
- A parent should only attend the School Office in the event of a significant pastoral or welfare issue related to their child. Interactions by staff with parents should take place over the phone or via email/online.
- Gatherings of parents on school sites should be avoided.
- Parent-teacher interviews should occur online or over the phone.
- Mask wearing for parents will be expanded to outdoors where physical distancing can't be maintained in regions with existing mask mandates if you have visited the Perth, Peel, Great Southern or Wheatbelt areas in the last fourteen days.

Schools are required to implement additional measures which will be formalised by the Leadership Team, discussed with staff and then shared with parents/carers. We will continue to keep parents/carers informed as further details come to hand and arrangements are put in place.

Thank you, in anticipation, for working in collaboration with the staff of St John's School.

Kind regards

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Principal