



Dear parents and carers

We are continuing to see a high number of coronavirus cases across Victoria.

I want to reassure you that St Fidelis Primary School is doing everything possible to contain and slow the spread of the virus, and ensure the health and safety of our whole school community.

To keep our school safe, and reduce students catching and spreading COVID-19, we have put a range of measures in place based on health advice from the Australian and Victorian governments.

These measures include encouraging vaccination of eligible cohorts, ventilation of indoor spaces, and a range of COVIDSafe measures including cleaning, regular use of hand sanitiser, increased use of outdoor spaces and the wearing of masks.

It is important that schools and the school community adhere to all of these COVIDSafe measures, not just the introduction of masks.

I am aware that some parents have concerns regarding mask-wearing.

When worn properly, masks can play an important role in reducing the transmission risks of COVID-19 that could happen from common activities in school.

We know COVID-19 can be transmitted among children, and between children and adults. When teachers, staff and students consistently and correctly wear a mask, they help protect themselves and their friends, teachers and classmates from COVID-19.

St Fidelis Primary School is required to follow the directions of the Victorian Chief Health Officer, and our teachers and staff will be doing their utmost to ensure that masks are worn in schools for Years 3 and above, and to encourage mask-wearing for younger students.

The lawful exceptions for not wearing a mask are listed on the government's [Coronavirus Victoria](#) website.

Thank you for supporting us to implement COVIDSafe measures at St Fidelis Primary School to keep your children safe.

Yours sincerely

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Principal