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Dear Parents and Guardians

With the significant increase in COVID-19 cases in recent weeks coinciding with the start of term 3, we would like to remind you and your child of practical steps that can be taken to reduce the risk of spreading and catching COVID-19.

Though it is not mandatory, it is recommended that all students in years 3 to 12 continue to wear face masks when indoors to help reduce the spread of the virus.

Like last term, you are encouraged to ensure your child takes a mask with them each morning or collects one when they arrive at school – there will be a supply available if they forget.

Additionally, precautions should be taken when travelling on public transport, including wearing a mask; this is still a requirement for all public transport users aged 12 years and up.

In relation to children who are deemed to be close contacts of cases (where other family members are positive for COVID) it remains mandatory to wear a mask outside of the home, and this includes at school, along with undertaking 5 Rapid Antigen Tests over 7 days.

We appreciate that some children may find it challenging or awkward to wear a mask, but by wearing one, your child has an additional physical barrier to help stop of the spread of COVID.

It's one very effective tool in our toolkit, along with ensuring you and your family are fully vaccinated, getting tested and staying away from school with any symptoms, however mild, and practicing social distancing.

SA Health has lots of information on their website to help answer questions, including fact sheets, videos, a children's book and a range of other resources to help you and your family stay COVID safe.

Together, we can reduce the spread of COVID.

Best wishes and stay safe.

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