



# REMOTE LEARNING PLAN 2022

## INFORMATION FOR OUR COMMUNITY

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Information for our community in preparation for the possibility of WDHS being impacted by an outbreak of COVID-19

In preparation for the possibility of WA schools being impacted by an outbreak of COVID-19 in the community, the following plan outlines the adjustments to be made at Wagin District High School to ensure continuity of learning in 2022.

### **Communication**

We will continue to communicate with parents and our school community through SMS, email, newsletter and the school website. Brief notices may also be posted on our Facebook page. Please ensure your contact details are up to date in our school system so that we can easily contact you. We will provide updates as soon as is practical after we are informed of a positive case or any major announcements from the Government, to ensure we are able to respond to changes to requirements in a safe and timely manner.

Thank you for your continuing support, your care for our community and for following the Government and Department of Education guidelines during these uncertain times.

## **On-site Operations**

### **Children Who Are Unwell**

We will require parents to keep their children at home if they show cold or flu like symptoms. If a child presents at school with any of these, parents will be contacted and children will be isolated until they are collected. Please do not send children back to school until they have fully recovered and where required, comply with testing protocols. Please notify the school immediately if your child tests positive for Covid-19.

### **Masks**

All children from Year 3-10 will be required to wear masks in the classroom unless the school has sighted proof of exemption. Our

### **Drop Off/Pick Up**

No early arrivals will be allowed on site and all children must leave the school grounds by 3:15pm. School playgrounds cannot be used before or after school hours. Parents are allowed on school site and are asked to socially distance or wear masks where this is not possible. Parents are not currently allowed to enter classrooms.

### **Limited Activities**

The following activities are placed on hold until further notice:

- Choir
- School Assemblies
- Parent Information Meetings
- Camps

### **Recess and Lunch Eating Areas**

Students will sit in cohorts for eating time to reduce the number of students in one place.

- Kindergarten and Pre-primary - Early Childhood veranda area
- Years 1 - 3 – Cluster veranda, in class groups.
- Years 4 - 6 – Undercover Area
- High School – Eating Area

## Where to Next?

These measures will remain in place until further announcements are made by the Government, which will direct our operating plans and organisational elements.

## Learning at Home for Wagin Students

The Department of Education is firmly committed to keeping schools open. However, there are some circumstances where schools are currently having brief closures and cohorts of students and teachers have been placed into isolation. We are committed to providing high quality support for parents whose children are required to remain at home isolating during this time. Teaching programs have been designed by all classroom teachers to ensure that every student receives a program, and that support and guidance will be available.

### Dedicated Classroom Staff

Classroom teachers and education assistants are dedicated to connecting with children through the Learning at Home program. They will make contact with all families, who have a child learning at home, to ensure they are provided with guidance and support.

### Attendance

The school will continue to monitor, record and follow-up attendance during this time. If your child is at home and participating in a Learning at Home program, their classroom teacher will mark them as present for learning.

If your child is unwell and not completing the Learning at Home program, we ask that you register their absence via SMS 0407982716 or email to [wagin.dhs@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:wagin.dhs@education.wa.edu.au).

### How we will operate

We have considered some of the scenarios that may arise and have plans in place in the event we are impacted by Covid-19. Based on feedback from our parent community our primary mode of operation will be paper based Learning from Home packs.

#### 1. My child is sick

If your child is unwell, we look forward to welcoming them back to school when they have recovered. It is not an expectation that your child will complete work when they are sick.

#### 2. My child is isolating based on WA Health directions or medical advice

In the event of a child needing to isolate, they will be able to access Connected Learning Packages that have been developed by the Department of Education. One of our staff will contact you to offer support and will check in with you and your child weekly. Teachers will provide access details for Mathletics and other digital platforms if you indicate your child can access these programs at home. As the class program at school will continue, we may bundle your child's workbooks to be collected with the Learning Packages. Please contact the front office by phone to arrange a non-contact pick up/drop off.

#### 3. My child's class or Wagin District High School is closed

Teachers have designed a Learning at Home package for one week which includes a weekly overview for parents. These packages can be picked up by parents or friends who are **not in isolation**. Non-contact deliveries may be arranged where necessary. Students will then work on activities set by the teacher and return them for feedback and marking. Packages will continue to be developed where necessary. Classroom Teachers will check in with each student twice weekly between 9am and 11am.

#### **4. My child is isolating because we are anxious about the impact of Covid-19**

In the short-term, our staff can support you by providing some resources for you to use at home with your children. This is not a long-term solution and if you wish to home school, you will need to register for Home Education which is a significant commitment with full responsibility for curriculum planning and delivery. Learning in the classroom is the best place for your children to get their education and while we are supportive of parent's right to make decisions in the best interest of their family, we are limited by the amount of support we can provide.

#### **Support and Communication**

We understand that Learning from Home is complex and we encourage families to prioritise the health and wellbeing of children and family members. Our plans for student learning are comprehensive, but we understand that each family has different circumstances and as such, each student may have varying capacity to engage in the learning program. Please reach out for support when it is required and we can certainly adjust expectations of students based on your family needs.

#### **How to communicate with your child's teacher**

All parent communication with the classroom teacher needs to be through email or via the front office reception. Teachers aim to reply to communication within school hours.

#### **Student Support Team**

Our support staff play an incredibly important role in the connection our students' experience. Our Leadership Team, AIEO, Education Assistants, School Psychologist and Chaplain are able to engage with students in the event of a period of isolation or closure. If support is required, please contact

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If you have any immediate concerns, please email [wagin.dhs@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:wagin.dhs@education.wa.edu.au) so that we can work with, and support, your family.