Dear parents/carers and staff,

I am providing the following information.

There have been 17 positive cases of COVID-19 reported to the school since Wednesday, 16 March, when we last reported to you. Two of these cases are teaching staff, one was infectious when on site, the other had already been isolating. The 15 students were in year groups 7 to 11. Most students were at school while infectious.

If students and staff are identified as close personal contacts of the cases, they will be contacted directly by the school. When students are identified as a close contact, they are still able to attend school if they are asymptomatic, however they will need to:

• be collected from school if they are at school,

• receive a negative PCR test or RAT test before returning to school, and

• return a second negative test a week later.

**If your child receives a positive COVID-19 test email relevant information to** GovernorStirling.SHS@education.wa.edu.au **as soon as possible**.

Advice for all families and staff:

The school remains open.

If your child is not contacted by WA Health, or the school, your child is not required to quarantine and should attend school.

If staff are not contacted by WA Health, or the school, they are not required to quarantine and should attend school.

As for everyone in Western Australia, we ask that you monitor your child/yourself for symptoms of COVID-19 and get tested and isolate until you receive a negative result, if symptoms develop.

If you or your child develop symptoms, please do not attend school.

Please note that the Omicron strain can present with less typical symptoms such as diarrhoea, particularly in children.

If you have queries or concerns, please contact WA Health on 1300 316 555.

Kind regards

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Principal

Governor Stirling Senior High School