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RE: COVID-19 UPDATE

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Dear Parents,

A big thank you for your efforts in supporting our school and students in these challenging times and for prioritising their safety and learning.

The recent announcement to the changes in how schools use RATs as a surveillance measure against the COVID-19 means that students and staff will only need to test if they are displaying COVID-19 Symptoms.

Changes from Monday 28 February 2022

Rapid Antigen Testing Kits

On 19 February, the NSW Premier and Minister for Education announced a move from surveillance testing in schools conducted for the first 4 weeks of Term 1, 2022 to the provision of additional tests RAHT kits to students and staff members to be used at their discretion for the remainder of Term 1.

From Monday 28 February 2022, students and staff no longer need to test twice weekly with the RATs. This change aligns schools with the community setting of '**symptomatic testing**'. Beyond that, symptomatic students and staff should continue to access PCR tests and store-purchased RAHTs.

Our school will continue to ensure our core COVID-smart layers are in place, including vaccinations, physical distancing where possible, maximised fresh air flow through natural ventilation, continued good hand hygiene practices and enhanced cleaning.

If a student or a staff member receives a positive RAT test result, they need to:

- Record the positive RAHT result through the Service NSW website or Service NSW app and
- Notify the school immediately of the positive RAHT or PCR test result as soon as possible, email admin@alamanah.nsw.edu.au.
- Follow NSW Health advice to isolate for 7 days

Registering your child's positive RAT with Service NSW is a requirement of the Public Health Order and helps NSW Health track COVID-19 in Schools and address any public health issues early if required.

Negative results **do not** need to be reported to Service NSW or to the school.

School Hours

Please take note of the following:

1. Secondary School Students attendance hours will be **8:15am – 3:30pm**.
2. Primary School Students attendance hours will be **8:15am – 3:30pm**. Primary School Parents will be able to pick up their children at 3:15 daily without entering the school grounds.
3. **Primary and Secondary school students who board the school buses will leave school at 3:10pm daily**. Please make sure there is a parent waiting at home.
4. Morning assembly will take place at **8:15am daily**. Students will now be able to recite the morning supplication during the morning assembly.
5. We will follow the usual timetable including recess and lunch breaks.

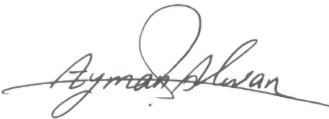
Masks and face coverings

From Monday 28 February 2022, masks are no longer required for staff or students in secondary school. However, staff and students may choose to wear a mask and will be supported to do so.

Get in touch with questions or concerns

You are advised to get in contact with the school if you have any questions regarding this.

Regards,



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25 February 2022