**Flushing of Drinking Water Pipes and Automated Notification System**

At the commencement of the 2019 school year, all schools or facilities that have an active school population will be required to flush their drinking water taps. This will ensure that any stagnant water or possible contaminants that may have accumulated over extended periods of non-use are removed from the school’s drinking water pipes.

The flushing process will be similar to the one that occurred at the beginning of this year. Please refer to [Ikon](https://ikon.education.wa.edu.au/-/flushing-of-drinking-water-taps#toc1) for the specific requirements. Principals need to work closely with their cleaners and/or gardeners in order to guarantee that all the flushing requirements have been successfully met by the deadline.

Schools will need to flush their drinking water taps on Friday 1 February. This will need to occur by 12.00noon on Friday 1 February.

This year, an automated email notification system has been developed that will contact principals and the manager corporate services reminding them of the date that the school’s drinking water taps need to be flushed. The automated system will send several email reminders and clearly articulate what is required and what actions need to be taken.

Principals and manager corporate services are requested to note the following key times and dates:

**Wednesday, 30 January 2019 Notification email to flush on Friday, 1 February before 12.00 noon**

**Friday, 1 February 2019 8.00 am Reminder to flush before 12.00 noon that day**

**Friday, 1 February 2019 12.00 noon Deadline to flush**

**Friday, 1 February 2019 12.00 noon Notification provided to Regional Offices of schools that have not provided certification that the process has been completed**

Should schools want to discuss this matter further, please contact Peter Frantom by phone on 9264 4870 or email Peter.Frantom@education.wa.edu.au