

12 February 2021

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff,

Earlier today, the Victorian Government announced that, on the advice of the Victorian Chief Health Officer, Victoria will move to Stage 4 restrictions to slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

These requirements apply to all schools across the government, Catholic and independent sectors and across all metropolitan Melbourne and rural and regional Victoria.

The changes to schools' operations will come into effect on **Monday 15th February and remain in place until Thursday 18th February** when it is anticipated that all students can return to school. As outlined in the Chief Health Officer's advice on today, schools remain safe places for staff and students – but these steps are critical measures to reduce the movement of students and families across the state.

There are implications for our school, and for families in our school community.

A summary of what the changes mean for schools is below.

All children are to remain at home until **THURSDAY** unless:

- parents are permitted / essential workers
- vulnerable children in out of home care, children known to child protection and other agencies and children the school identifies as vulnerable
- children with a disability who also fit one of the above two categories.

Parents requiring access to on-site supervision will be required to complete the appropriate paperwork which can be accessed from our school's website or the school office.

- Schools will ensure sufficient staff are available for necessary on-site supervision, classes will not be running, students will be able to access online learning tools.
- Staff not required for on-site supervision will work from home.

Remote learning:

At this stage, remote learning will not be provided by school due to the limited time for staff to prepare. Children are encouraged to read, keep a journal of what they have done over the lockdown period and if available undertake learning through the external resources used at school such as Reading Eggs and Mathletics.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Sally Webb
Acting Principal