



## School Update

10/4/2020

**Dear Parents and Families of Kent Park Primary School,**

As you are aware, the situation regarding coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to evolve. I would like to take this opportunity to **thank you for your support** during the early commencement of the Term 1 holidays.

The Victorian Government has now advised that **all schools will move to remote and flexible learning when students return for Term 2 on Wednesday 15 April.**

**This means that all students who can learn at home must learn from home.** This is a very clear directive by the Victorian Government **based on the advice of the Chief Health Officer.**

This is not an action being taken lightly, and I understand it may cause you and your family concern and stress. Please know this step is being taken to **slow the spread of the virus and ensure the health and safety of all Victorians.**

### On-site attendance

**All students will be learning from home,** except for children on days when they are not able to be supervised at home and no other arrangements can be made.

**All students attending on-site must be registered** and the **'on-site attendance form' (attached)** must be **completed, returned and approved** as per the following timelines:

**For week 1:** The on-site attendance form must be **completed and returned** to the school by no later than **10am on Tuesday, April 14.** The **school will confirm** this arrangement by **3pm on Tuesday, April 14.**

**For all following weeks:** The on-site attendance form must be **completed and returned by no later than 3pm on the Thursday** prior to the beginning of that week. The **school will confirm** this arrangement by **close of business on the Friday** prior to the beginning of the week.

### Remote Learning

Most of our teachers will also be working from home. All of them have been working hard to put curriculum plans in place to ensure **continuity of learning and to support the wellbeing of all our students.**

Work is also underway to identify students who do not have access to digital technologies at home. Devices such as laptops and tablets will be made available on loan to these students free-of-charge to ensure no student misses out.

This is clearly going to be a challenging time for all of us. It's going to be critically important that we work very closely together to ensure that we provide the very best possible support for the ongoing wellbeing and learning of our students and your children.

I have been very clear with our staff that our **focus for our curriculum day next Tuesday and for the remainder of the first week will be very simple.**

**Our priorities for next week are:**

- **Determining how many students will be attending school**, on what days etc and assigning volunteer staff to be at school. This will also include preparing the school site to cater for the restrictions around social distancing, hygiene practices and procedures etc
- **Determining what levels of communication and devices** that we have for all students, parents, families etc.
- Making sure all students have **everything they need** at home to complete any activities we assign.
- Sending home a range of **simple, easy to follow learning opportunities** that all students can attempt with **very little support needed from an adult**.

**Our aim is to start small and simple, do it effectively and build upon it** as we transition to more advanced remote learning platforms.

The link below provides ways you can support your child during this transition.

The Department of Education and Training's **Learning from Home website** also provides information and resources for parents and carers: <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/learning/Pages/home-learning.aspx>

Further information regarding coronavirus (COVID-19) and schools can be found on the Department's website, which will continue to be updated as the situation evolves:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/department/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

Thank you for your support during this time.

Yours sincerely,

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