



Mount Pleasant Road Primary School & Kindergarten

(Nunawading)

Saturday, 11 April 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am following up on my previous communication to you that I sent on Wednesday 8th April around the Victorian Government announcement that all schools will move to remote and flexible learning when students return for Term 2 on Wednesday 15th April. Late Thursday evening we received additional information, which I am relaying to you now.

I am confirming 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. All students will be learning from home, except for children on days when they are not able to be supervised at home and it is deemed through the application process that no other arrangements can be made.**

Attached to this notification, is an application form from the Department of Education for on-site attendance. If you feel you have grounds to request your child attend school you must complete and return the attached application to the school email. This application will be reviewed and you will be informed if your application has been successful or otherwise. **No child is permitted to be on the school grounds without the approval, by the school principal, through an official application.**

Application forms must be submitted weekly by Thursday for approval for attendance the following week. If you are intending on submitting an application for your child to attend school next week, commencing on Wednesday 15th April, **you must submit your application by noon Tuesday 14th April.**

For students who have approval to attend on-site they will only be permitted to enter the school buildings if they are in good health and it is very important that students are aware school will run very differently to what students are familiar with. The following protocols will be strictly applied:

- Students will enter the school at 8.45 through the **Reception glass doors and will wait in the courtyard supervised by staff. This includes students attending OHSClub.**
- Parents and/or carers may walk their children into the court yard (if needed) but must exit out through the gate at the back of the oval on Eugenia Street or the gate near the Senior Playground. At all times we must follow the Social Distancing guidelines of 1.5 meters.
- **Parents and/or carers will not be permitted to enter the classrooms.**
- Students will be collected by a member of staff from the courtyard at 8:50am.
- Students are to be collected from the front of the school at 3.30pm. Students attending OHSClub will be collected from the courtyard.
- Students with approval to be at school must attend in full school uniform.
- As advised on Wednesday students at school will be supervised to complete the same remote learning tasks as the students at home.
- There will be no access to the playground equipment and students will not be permitted to play with other students.
- Students will not be in their usual classrooms or be supervised by their normal classroom teacher.
- **All learning onsite will be the same as the remote online platform**

- The specialist programs will be delivered using the online platform.

Most of our teachers will 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 in years Foundation to Year 2 who do not have access to digital technologies at home. Devices such as Laptops and iPads will be made available on loan to these students free-of-charge to ensure no student misses out. Please email the school if you require a device and/or internet access support so this can be arranged.

Students and Parents can expect information about how to access our online learning on Tuesday with Seesaw Log Ins distributed with 'How to guides' to families in Foundation to Year 2. There will also be 'How to guides' for Year 3-6 students for Google Classroom and Zoom. There will be a weekly schedule of tasks and expectations for students distributed. We will continue to use our newsletter to communicate general information and teachers will be contactable through Sentral by email during school hours.

This is clearly going to be a challenging time for all of us, and we will all be learning and adjusting our practices as the situation evolves. It is 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.

Our very first test will be on Wednesday when all teachers will make contact with their students through Seesaw for Foundation to Year 2 and Google Classroom for Years 3-6 students. For any families that teachers are not able to contact we will be calling and emailing to make sure that everyone is able to access the remote learning in the easiest possible way. Please be reassured we will continue to support every one of our students and families during this challenging time. We are working on a number of different ways to facilitate answering your questions from our Learning@Home website <https://sites.google.com/education.vic.gov.au/mprps4808/home>, blogs to Sentral notifications.

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>

If you have anything urgent before Tuesday please contact the school email on mt.pleasant.road.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Thank you for your support during this time.

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