

14<sup>th</sup> April, 2020

Dear parents and carers

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.** 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.

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.

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.

In the event that a student needs to attend school because they cannot be supervised at home, parents must complete an On-site attendance application form to indicate the days or part-days they require their child to attend school, <http://oakwoodschool.vic.edu.au/images/Covid19/on-site-attendance-form.docx>. To ensure adequate staffing is in place, the application form and evidence should be emailed to [oakwood.sch.noble.park@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:oakwood.sch.noble.park@education.vic.gov.au) by Thursday 3pm for the required days/times the following week. The campus principal will confirm the arrangements with the parent/carer by 4pm on Friday.

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.

This factsheet <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/documents/parents/learning-from-home-parent-fact-sheet.docx> 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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