

20th July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Lockdown extension update.

The Premier has just announced an extended lock-down until Tuesday night, 27th July.

In response to the extended lockdown until Tuesday night, 27th July, our teachers will be increasing the number of 'Google Meets' from tomorrow. These meetings will include explicit teaching as well as allowing the children connection with each other and the teacher. These Google Meets may take the form of small groups, others whole group or a combination of both, depending on what works best for that particular year level.

Your child's teacher will advise you of meeting times and related information that you may require. However, if you prefer, and it suits your family's context better, you may continue to use the Learning Grid sent on Friday. Children will be able to continue to upload their work to SeeSaw (Year 5/6 use Google Classroom) for their teacher to comment on or acknowledge.

As each of our Fridays are Wellbeing (Catch-up) Days, there will be one Google Meet wellbeing check-in for the children to join as well.

Once we have more information as to whether we can continue with our face-to face parent teacher meetings next Wednesday, we will advise you.

Requirements for on-site support.

Please see the attached on-site request form for the rest of this week and a new form for next week and information regarding the requirements to access on-site support. Please note that this is always available on our website as well at this link: <http://www.overport-ps.vic.edu.au/school-updates--2021>

If you require on-site support as an essential worker or for those identified as vulnerable children for the rest of this week, please send forms directly to my email: julie.gleeson@education.vic.gov.au by 6.00 pm today.

Forms for next Monday and Tuesday need to be sent to me by **4.00 pm Friday**. If you have not yet been advised by your employer, please fill in forms anyway but with a **TBA** on them. I will include these students and can remove if not required. If your child is unwell or not attending on-site as requested for any reason, please let the school or me know.

Please note that it is critical to have this information early to allow me to arrange sufficient staff to cover our on-site students' needs. Please DO NOT assume I will remember that your child is likely to come.

I am aware of how difficult this is for all of us. We will continue to support our families and the students as we have done in the past. Please ensure you take time to enjoy being together as a family, playing board games or taking some bike rides or walks where and when you can, to break up the days.

Kind Regards,

Julie Gleeson

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