

Stage 4 Lockdown Arrangements – Friday 28th May to Thursday 3rd June

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our government has just announced a seven-day lock down back to stage 4 restrictions. While this may continue to evolve in the coming days, the latest information we have at hand is as follows.

There are 5 reason for which you can leave the home:

1. Essential shopping
2. Medical appointments
3. Getting a vaccination.
4. Care giving
5. Exercise within your 5 kilometres

Visitors are not permitted to your home, no outside gatherings and travel can only be within 5 kilometres of your home.

What does this mean for the school?

Friday 28th May is now a state-wide curriculum day to allow teachers to plan for any further contingencies. **This means that tomorrow is Student-free day.**

All planned school events over the lock down period are postponed including the Cross-Country tomorrow.

Provisions for Onsite Support for Essential Workers & Vulnerable Students as of Monday 31st May.

1. The school will be closed for **all students** except **vulnerable students or those of essential workers** where **both** parents are required to work outside the home, and they are unable to find any other alternative childcare arrangements that can be made.
2. Essential Workers or parents of vulnerable students must complete the form attached and return to my email:

Julie.gleeson@education.vic.gov.au **no later than Friday, 28th May by 5.00 pm.**

- **NO ONE WHO FORWARDS PAPERWORK OR REQUEST AFTER THAT TIME CAN BE CONSIDERED GIVEN THE VERY SHORT NOTICE FOR THE LOCKDOWN AND THE NEED TO ARRANGE STAFF COVER.**
 - The required paperwork is attached.
3. Parents must escort students to doors nearest the front of the school at the Towerhill Learning Centre, **no earlier than 8.45 am** and leave the grounds immediately.
 4. OHSC-Extend (before school care) will operate as usual and these students will be escorted by Extend staff. Please contact them to confirm your place and their arrangements.
 5. Collection time will be at the same drop off point. Parents must wait outside the school at the front gate, until the students are dismissed at 3.30 pm.
 6. Please note that all planned school activities will be cancelled during this period time.
 7. Student work requirements during remote learning – Monday 31st May to Thursday 3rd June
 - a) Students will be provided with a grid of work or small pack of worksheets. The grid/worksheets will be coming home in school bags this afternoon and will also be emailed to parents by 4pm today.
 - b) Students are requested to complete 2-3 activities a day.

- c) Students will be provided with a work/project book and 1-2 pencils/pens. Students are encouraged to complete work in the workbook and return this to school.
- d) Teachers will respond/support learning via email only.
- e) All students will be marked as present, unless the parent informs the school via email – overport.ps@education.vic.gov.au
- f) A grid (1 grid) of specialist activities will be sent by Mr Rodwell to parents on behalf of Specialists. It would be great if you could complete 1-2 specialist activities.

At this stage the following will not be happening during this remote learning period (Friday 28th May to Thursday 3rd June)

- No Google Meets.
- No Online Learning (no activities or posts required online).
- Student username/password will be sent home next week, purely as a precaution in case the lockdown is extended.
- **Please note, at this stage, as our plans for current lockdown do not require a device, no iPads/Laptops will be sent home for this remote learning period.**

We are aware that some parents have been at a Tier 1 or Tier 2 site. It is requirement that all family members living in the home with that person must be tested and a negative result must be supplied to the school before the student can return at any point.

I would like to thank you all for your support and understanding in these challenging circumstances.

I will continue to provide as many updates as required to ensure that we get through this unique time together.

Kind Regards,

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