



Saturday 21 August 2021

Dear parents and carers,

You will now all be aware that Regional Victoria has entered a stage 4 lockdown due to the ongoing level of community transmission of coronavirus in Victoria from 1:00pm today, Saturday 21st August 2021 until 11:59pm on Thursday 2 September 2021.

To help slow the spread of the virus, we need your support in complying with the new strengthened restrictions and helping our public health team to get ahead of this virus.

We request parents, carers and families continue to do the right thing by following all health directives. This includes making careful and supportive choices about accessing on-site supervision at school.

From Monday 23rd August, under the new strengthened restrictions in place across Victoria, an authorised worker permit will be required for authorised workers to attend a workplace.

This also means that from Monday, parents and carers across can only request on-site supervision for their child/ren in the below categories:

- A.** Children where both parents and or carers are considered authorised workers who cannot work from home, work for an authorised provider and where no other supervision arrangements can be made:
- Where there are two parents/carers, both must be authorised workers, working outside the home in order for their children to be eligible for on-site provision.
 - For single parents/ carers, the authorised worker must be working outside the home in order for their children to be eligible for on-site provision.

Parents and carers who are authorised workers will need an authorised worker permit from their employers to access on-site supervision for their child/ren in Category A.

On-site supervision continues to be available for the below students:

- B.** *Children experiencing vulnerability, including:*
- in out-of-home care
 - deemed vulnerable by a government agency, funded family or family violence service, and assessed as requiring education and care outside the family home
 - identified by a school or early childhood service as vulnerable, (including via referral from a government agency, or funded family or family violence service, homeless or youth justice service or mental health or other health service)
 - Where a parent/carer indicates that a student with a disability is vulnerable because they cannot learn from home, and/or informs the school the student is vulnerable due to family stress, the school must provide on-site supervision for that student. This may apply to students enrolled in specialist schools and students with a disability enrolled in mainstream schools.

An authorised worker permit is not required for accessing on-site supervision under Category B.

An updated on-site attendance form is now available on our website for those who meet the above categories and require on-site learning for their child/ren.

For those requesting on-site learning under Category A, a copy of your authorised worker permit or permits **must be** submitted to the school as soon as practicable after it is issued. A permit is not required under Category B.

The completed on-site attendance form for onsite supervision requests must be provided to me on email Kirshy.McAinch@education.vic.gov.au by Sunday 22nd August 2021 by **12:00 pm**.

I know this may well be a challenging time. There are a number of supports available. These include:

- A short video produced by headspace with [tips and strategies for parents and carers during lockdown](#)
- [Student Mental Health and Wellbeing resources for advice](#)
- [Advice for students about how to adapt during COVID-19](#)
- [Resources for learning from home](#)
- [Translated resources for learning from home](#)

As part of the phased COVID-19 vaccination rollout, more Victorian parents, carers, and students are now able to receive the COVID-19 vaccines.

With more appointments now available over the next two weeks, we encourage you to book your vaccine at [Victorian Government's COVID-19 vaccine online booking system](#).

For more information about eligibility, refer to coronavirus.vic.gov.au or use the Australian Government's [COVID-19 vaccine eligibility checker](#).


Additionally, I have just been advised that Remote and Flexible learning will commence on Tuesday 24th August, making Monday 23rd August a Pupil Free Day for students who are not attending onsite supervision.

I trust our school community will ensure we do the right thing at this time, by complying with the restrictions in place and making careful and supportive decisions that limit movement through the community.

Thank you again, for supporting your child's learning during this time.

Please contact me on my mobile, 0414 956 936 or on email Kirshy.McAinch@education.vic.gov.au with any questions.

With thanks,



Kirshy McAinch
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