



Emmaus Catholic Parish Primary School Sydenham

Emmaus Catholic Parish Primary School has a commitment to the care, safety and wellbeing of children.

August 4, 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Victorian Government announced that, on the advice of the Victorian Chief Health Officer, metropolitan Melbourne will move to Stage 4 restrictions to slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

These steps are critical measures to reduce the movement of students, teachers and families across the state.

Under Stage 4 restrictions and under a state of disaster the criteria for onsite learning has changed.

If you can keep your children home, you must keep them home.

- The criteria for students that can attend on-site has changed as follows:
 - **children whose parents are 'permitted' workers.** All parents will need to have letters from their employers demonstrating they are permitted workers.
 - **vulnerable children in out of home care, children known to child protection and other agencies and children the school identifies as vulnerable**
 - **children with a disability who also fit one of the above two categories.**

As you can appreciate we will be running our school with very few staff members. Some of our staff are required to stay at home to supervise their own children, some of our staff care for people with compromised immune systems and some of our staff are immune compromised themselves. It is likely that the teachers and learning support staff that will be supervising your children will not be their regular classroom teachers. The staff will do their very best to support your children on site however it cannot be the same as it would be at home. At home there are fewer children and you know your children and how they best learn.

School will begin at 9am and will conclude promptly at 3pm. There will not be before and after school care during this time. Blue Fit Kids will **not** operate at Emmaus for the rest of this term at this stage.

If you require your child/children to be supervised onsite, all parents will need to provide evidence from their employers stating they are required to work as part of the Government guidelines.

Remember if your child is unwell or if anyone in your home has been tested for COVID 19 they must remain at home until they are well or the test comes back negative.

You will need to let us know the days you require supervised care and inform us before each Friday so we can organise staffing for the following week.

You will need to email me at principal@emsydenham.catholic.edu.au with this information.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Take care and stay safe,

Jackie Byrne