

St Michael's Parish School

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The Victorian Government has updated the Stage Four restrictions for COVID-19 in relation to children attending school.

The basic premise is that if parents are at home, working or not, students should stay at home and learn remotely. We understand that this is challenging for all members of our community - students, parents and staff.

There are two categories of students who are able to attend school during these restrictions. Parents who are required to work must provide our school with a Victorian Government Permit Worker Form which must be organised through your employer. If both parents are working outside of the home, each parent must provide a form signed by his/her employer. I am required to have a copy of these signed forms before a student can be onsite.

The second category of students are those who are identified as vulnerable. DHHS has provided a definition of vulnerable students for the purpose of onsite supervision programs during flexible and remote learning.

Vulnerable students are defined as:

- children in out-of-home care
- children deemed by Child Protection and/or Family Services to be at risk of harm
- children identified by the school as vulnerable (including via referral from a family violence agency, homelessness or youth justice service, or mental health or other health service)

If you believe that your child or children fit the criteria of vulnerable, please send me an email outlining your child or children's need to attend school and how he/she meets the vulnerable definition. Each of these emails will be considered individually by Erin and myself and we will get back to parents as soon as possible after we receive your email.

The majority of our staff will be working remotely to comply with the Victorian Government's direction and to ensure their safety and wellbeing. The children attending onsite should not expect to see their classroom teacher as he/she may be working remotely to support the learning needs of all of our students.

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

Kind regards,
Meredith Bennett