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Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

Following on from Premier Daniel Andrew's press conference this morning, I would like to update all families on our transition to remote learning starting next week. I have taken some time throughout the day to read and understand the information that has been forwarded to us by the Department of Education.

I understand that this is a very difficult time for everyone. I am calling on our Coral Park Community to help us to ensure that everyone is kept safe as we move forward into Term 2. I would also take this opportunity to thank all of our medical practitioners and anyone who is providing the necessary essential services that help to keep all Victorians going.

It is imperative that we follow the government's advice at this time, which is: all children who **can** learn at home **must** learn from home – with exceptions only in extremely limited circumstances. Therefore I am informing you of the following:

**From Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April all students will be learning from home**, except for the following circumstances:

- a. Students who are not able to be supervised at home and no other arrangements can be made due to parents who must work outside of the home
- b. Vulnerable children including:
  - 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

**So what does this mean?** If you or your partner are not working, can work from home or have a responsible family member that can supervise your children at home, you must keep them at home.

#### **ON SITE PROVISION**

We have made a number of changes during the break to the way all staff, students, parents and visitors to the school will conduct their business, to comply with social distancing and hygiene regulations. We ask that you be patient with us as we get used to these new operating regulations.

The Department of Education has mandated that all schools reduce class sizes to 10 students per classroom with 1 teacher to supervise each class. **In order to comply with this mandate, we require any parent or caregiver who believes that they meet the above criteria for school attendance to call the office on 9702 8398 to register your child by 3pm the day before you intend them to attend. WE WILL ASSUME IF YOU DO NOT CALL THAT YOUR CHILD WILL BE LEARNING AT HOME.**

When you register your child, you will be told the classroom where your child will need to line up the following day. As we are moving to a skeleton staff each day, we cannot guarantee your child will be with their regular teacher. The learning program delivered on-site will be the same learning program as the one delivered to students undertaking remote learning provided by their classroom teacher.

Our teachers have been working tirelessly to ensure that your child is able to access the best possible education during this extraordinary period. All students are required to access DB Primary daily to receive updates and instructions from their classroom teacher on the work to be completed at home. From next Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April, your child will receive a package in the mail with their DB Primary log in details and other educational resources to

support their remote learning. If your child is attending school, they will need to bring their pack to school each day that they attend.

As we move through this period together, I wish to thank you for your ongoing understanding and support as we begin Term 2.

Stay safe and kind regards,

Justin Thompson  
Principal  
Coral Park Primary School