



Belvoir Special School

'Together we can'

8 April 2020

Dear Parents,

Firstly thank you to all of the families for their cooperation with social distancing and working from home in the last week of term 1. I do understand that this time has been very difficult for many families and we would like to thank you all for your co-operation and communication during this time.

Yesterday the Education Minister announced term two arrangements for all Victorian Schools to increase physical distancing across the population and slow the spread of coronavirus. As a result all Victorian Schools will be transitioning to Flexible and Remote learning for all of term two.

This means that if your child can learn at home they MUST learn at home.

At this point in time it is our understanding that Victorian Government Schools will be open for a small number of students. This includes students where all parents/carers have to leave the house to go to work and learning at home is **not at all possible**. Supervision will also be provided for vulnerable children, including children in Out of Home Care and children deemed by Child Protection and/or Family Services to be at risk of harm.

Students who are attending school will complete the same work that those students who are learning from home will be doing. A package of work for the first two weeks will be sent home on Tuesday next week.

Further information will be sent home again tomorrow and will hopefully include guidelines for Special Schools like Belvoir.

Once again I apologise to parents for the lack of information that is coming out regarding the school's transition to remote learning. Schools were asked not to send information home to families yesterday as we were waiting for a letter to come from the department today. We have been told this will not be going out until tomorrow hence the brief information from our school today.

Parents are asked to please follow our Facebook page and regularly check with the school website to keep up with the changes that are being made.

Please stay safe and look for a further communication tomorrow.

Kind regards

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