

# FPS Remote Learning Commences - Term 2 Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you have enjoyed the term break and the additional opportunities the current social restrictions are providing many of us to pause, reflect and spend more time with our families..

In an announcement this week, the Victorian Government advised that all schools will move to remote learning when students return for Term 2 on Wednesday 15 April. **This means that all students who can learn at home must learn from home.** The safest place for our children and everyone in the community at the moment is to be at home, not at school. This is a very clear directive by the Victorian Government based on the advice of the Chief Health Officer.

We know that many FPS families face the additional hurdle of juggling a new routine working from home, as well as the responsibility of supervising your children's remote learning. We appreciate the demands that will be placed on students, staff and families as we transition to this new mode of teaching and learning. We also understand that many of you have also been personally impacted by the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic and that life looks very different to how it did at the commencement of the year. As of Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April and for the whole of Term 2, FPS will move to remote Learning. Our remote learning program will be agile, adapting where required to meet the needs of our students, parents and staff. We will be welcoming feedback and will distribute a parent survey early in the term to provide us with further insights.

## **All students who can learn at home must learn from home-Stay home!**

All students will be learning from home, except for children on days and sessions when they are not able to be supervised at home and absolutely no other arrangements can be made. This will be available for children of parents who cannot work from home and vulnerable children. If you are working from home, regardless of the nature of your work, you are considered to be in a position to supervise your children. We understand the challenge that this may present for many families, however the direction is very clear, that **all students who can learn at home must learn from home.** I invite you to contact me if you are eligible and need to access this service via email [flemington.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:flemington.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au) to determine whether your circumstances meet the threshold to be onsite at FPS.

The FPS onsite supervision will be subject to strict physical distancing and restricted access to play and socialising, to ensure safety for all. Staff may choose to wear a protective mask as well. The FPS playground and access to play equipment is unavailable, as per government direction. Furthermore, the staff on supervision are not available for direct instruction or any extra teacher support.

FPS teachers and staff will also be working from home. Some of us, including myself, are also doing remote learning with our own children. All teachers have been working hard to put curriculum plans in place to ensure continuity of learning and to support the wellbeing of all our students. The learning designed aims to be predominantly independent for all year levels from Foundation to Year six, without need for constant parent support. This is to ensure that parents working from home can still fulfil many of their required duties.

## **Camp Australia**

Camp Australia will be running Out of Hours Care before and after school each day, but only for the children who will be accessing on-site learning.

## **Access to ICT available**

Also contained in the announcement from the Victorian government, is that all students will have access to digital technologies at home. Devices such as tablets will be made available on loan to these students free-of-charge to ensure no student misses out. FPS iPads have security walls installed, contain only educational apps and are controlled centrally by the FPS ICT team, which means that any unauthorised applications can not be uploaded. The sharing of devices between siblings is suitable. If you require a device please contact the school via phone or email. Please note that hard copies of lessons will still be available to families currently without internet or a device for the first couple of weeks only. After this all learning will be delivered online and families who are new to ICT will be supported.

## **Remote Learning Platforms**

FPS will deliver lessons via ClassDojo and will also use **Webex** to video conference with our students. **Webex** is a DET backed platform and has passed all DET security requirements. There is a factsheet that includes information about **Webex** and how to access 'learning from home' that will be sent home shortly when we are ready to start video conferencing. We understand that providing access to digital technologies may be a challenge for some of our FPS families. FPS is already responsive to providing educationally meaningful learning activities on devices. I invite you to review our [ICT ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY](#). Information regarding cyber safety is a priority at FPS with a cyber safety session for parents held in Term 1. We will continue to provide information to ensure families are educated on the topic of cybersafety.

## **DET Online Learning Support for Families**

The Department of Education and Training's Learning from Home website also provides information and resources for parents and carers: <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/learning/Pages/home-learning.aspx>

Further information regarding coronavirus (COVID-19) and schools can be found on the Department's website, which will continue to be updated as the situation evolves: <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/department/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

FPS staff and I look forward to working in partnership with our FPS families to provide a rich and engaging educational experience for your children in the coming months.

Thank you for your support during this time and also the emails of thanks to myself and the FPS team.

Regards

Amanda Williams - Principal Flemington Primary School

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