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Premier Daniel Andrews has announced a statewide lockdown for Victoria from 1pm today Saturday the 21st of August.

As a result, in line with the directions issued from Victoria's Chief Health Officer, all Victorian schools will move to a period of remote and flexible learning from **Monday 23rd of August**. Staff will use the Monday to prepare for the commencement of remote and flexible programs on Tuesday 24th August.

From Monday 23rd Schools continue to provide on-site supervision strictly for students in the following categories:

- Children whose parents are considered authorised workers, cannot work from home and where no other supervision arrangements can be made. **NB: from Wednesday 25th August authorised workers need to provide an official Worker Permit to the school, this is a Dept of Education requirement.**
- Vulnerable children, including children in out-of-home care, children deemed by Child Protection and/or Family Services to be at risk of harm and 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).

In addition to the above categories, the advice we have received from the Department of Education is that Students with disabilities who can't learn from home **due to vulnerability or family stress** are **allowed to attend onsite** learning at their school.

Please be advised that students attending onsite will be with different students and staff running an alternative program - not their usual classes.

**** For staffing purposes, ALL parents/carers must inform the school prior to sending students to school (even if your child has previously attended onsite during lockdown you still need to confirm attendance with WDSS) - DO NOT CONTACT THE BUS.**

Please contact the school via the school's email account

- warragul.district.ss@education.vic.gov.au which will be monitored over the weekend - ensuring you include what days you require your student to attend onsite. All emails will receive a confirmation - if you do not receive a confirmation, we have not received your email and you will need to retry.

Alternatively, you can contact the school by phone from 8:00am Monday.

SCHOOL BUSES

School Buses will continue to run during this time to collect and transport students who have contacted the school about accessing onsite learning - the school will update the bus manifest to pick up only those students who have confirmed attendance.

The most important action school communities can take to reduce the risk of transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19), is to ensure **that any unwell student remains at home.**

Thank you for your cooperation.