

Dear Parents,

We welcomed back students to on-site learning on Monday 1st November.

Remote learning is now being offered only to students who have been asked to isolate as they were close contacts to a positive COVID case at the school.

We are following the DET operation guide which advises that only the primary close contacts need to be isolating. Siblings of students isolating and who are not Primary Close Contacts are to attend on-site school.

As per the Department of Education operation guidelines, “all students are expected to attend onsite, unless they are formally registered as being home-schooled. Parent preference is not an approved absence reason. Students who are required to isolate should be supported with learning materials provided to support their continued learning. Schools are not expected to provide a full remote learning program.”

Barton Primary School is providing:

Who:	Program:
All students	Onsite learning
Students required to isolate due to being a close contact of a positive case AT SCHOOL	Remote learning (1 online session per day plus additional independent learning materials)
Students required to isolate due to being a close contact of a positive case (not related to the school)	Independent learning materials

Any students who are not attending due to parent preference will NOT be provided with learning materials as this is not an approved absence.

We are following public health advice. Please be mindful that this is a difficult situation for everyone and respectful conversations are expected at all times. We appreciate your patience and support as we navigate these new and unknown circumstances.

Kind Regards,

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ACTING PRINCIPAL