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Dear parents and carers,

I write with good news about our school.

The Department of Health (DH) has cleared our Koroit Avenue, Narrun and Tanderrum Way campuses to reopen. Onsite supervision will resume from **Tuesday, 14 September** for vulnerable students and children of Authorised workers. Our school will continue to offer remote learning for all other students.

Based on advice from the Victorian Chief Health Officer, Hume Valley School will continue with remote and flexible learning, except for students in the following categories:

- Children where both parents and or carers are considered [authorised workers](#),
- Children experiencing vulnerability.

Please complete the application for on-site attendance via this link [click here to apply for onsite learning](#). Once you submit the online application, the school will contact you as soon as possible to confirm your child's attendance on-site.

The Koroit Avenue campus has undergone a deep clean in preparation for eligible students and staff returning onsite.

Any primary close contacts who are currently quarantining must continue to do so until their 14-day quarantine period ends. In addition, primary close contacts are advised to undergo a test for COVID-19 on or after day 13 of quarantine. Primary close contacts are not permitted to be on the school site until they are cleared by the Department of Health.

If any student or family member has any COVID-19 symptoms they must immediately get tested (or retested) and isolate at home until they receive a negative test result. Parents are reminded to keep their child at home if they are unwell.

Like all Victorian Government schools, our school has a COVIDSafe plan, which includes extra cleaning and record-keeping of all staff, students and visitors who attend on-site. Checking in with QR codes is mandatory for any visitors to schools including parents who come into school buildings and indoor facilities (but not staff or students).

Parents are requested to remain in their car during drop off and pick up times. Junior Sub School parents are requested to wear a mask when collecting their child and when assisting them in and out of the car.

Staff, students and visitors to schools are reminded to stay up to date with current face mask advice. It is now recommended primary-school-age children wear masks while indoors and outdoors, except when in the home or when an exception applies. However, it is not mandatory. Further information can be found at www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/face-masks-in-schools.



Vaccinations

COVID-19 vaccines are safe, free and voluntary. COVID-19 vaccines are effective at preventing infection and protecting against serious illness from COVID-19. Getting vaccinated is the best way you can protect yourself, your family and our school community from further outbreaks.

For more information on vaccinations and how to book an appointment, visit coronavirus.vic.gov.au or use the Australian Government's COVID-19 vaccine eligibility checker. You can also contact the Department of Health Coronavirus hotline on 1800 675 398.

More information

For more information please visit coronavirus.vic.gov.au.

If you have questions about what this means for our school, call the Department of Education and Training COVID-19 hotline on **1800 338 663**, available 8:30am to 5pm Monday through Friday, and 10am to 3pm Saturday and Sunday, excluding public holidays.

If you are a primary close contact or secondary close contact, DH will contact you. If you require further information you can contact DH on 1300 651 160. If you are concerned you may have COVID-19 you can call the DH 24-hour COVID-19 hotline on 1800 675 398.

For school information in languages other than English, call TIS National on **131 450**. Please ask them to call the DET COVID-19 hotline on **1800 338 663** and they will help interpret. For health advice in languages other than English, visit coronavirus.vic.gov.au/translated-information-about-coronavirus-covid-19.

Please ensure that you access the school's website <http://www.humevalley.vic.edu.au> for regular communications.

If you have any other questions or are concerned for your child's wellbeing please contact your child's teacher via their email or contact the school on (03) 9309 3477.

I would like to thank the entire school community for your support during this time.

Yours sincerely,

Diane Bassett
Principal
Hume Valley School

