

Kia ora koutou

I hope that Term 2 and our distance learning programme has been a success for you so far. I know there will have been many challenges for you to deal with but we have been getting some great feedback about the learning that is happening and I would like to thank you for all of your support. I have been part of a number of Zoom conferences with classes and it was lovely to talk to the children again.

Today, the Government decided that we will move from Alert Level 4 into Alert Level 3 on 28 April. This means we will be open to receive students **on certain conditions** from Wednesday 29 April. We will start to prepare our site from tomorrow.

It is extremely important to note the following:

- **The best place for your child at Level 3 is at home.**
- The key message for you is that if you can, you should keep your child at home.
- If you are an essential worker or need to return to work under Level 3 and need to work away from home and don't have care for your child then we can accommodate them.
- You should only physically send your child to school if you need to.
- If your child has a health condition or immune compromised that means they are at a greater risk of a severe illness, **you must keep them at home.**
- If your child is sick please also ensure you keep them at home.
- In order to ensure the safety of those children and our staff who do come to school, we will be operating with strict enforcement of health and safety measures.
- We will not have a full complement of staff at school at Level 3 as some of them have a compromised immune system and are therefore required to stay at home, so we do not have the ability to supervise large numbers of students at Level 3.
- Children will work in bubbles of a maximum of 10 children.

I want to assure you that we will continue to support your child's learning at home as we have been doing.

The Ministry of Education has advised that they are working closely with the Ministry of Health to develop clear guidance that will support schools to safely re-open their premises next week. This will help us work through the public health requirements that we need to meet in order to safely open our school. We want to be absolutely sure that what we do will keep our school community, that is, our students and staff as safe as possible.

For now, we will continue to support your child's learning by distance while we progress our planning for what Alert Level 3 will mean for you and for our school.

We will be in touch again soon with more information. As you have been doing, please keep connecting with your teachers with any questions you might have.

In order to assist us with our planning we ask that you complete a questionnaire in this regard by 7pm tomorrow night 21 April. The link for the questionnaire is <https://forms.gle/9AxZjWkdr16m1ihT9>

This will take you to a Google Form to complete.

With this information we will be setting up a roll of children to attend during Alert Level 3. If you intend sending your child to school he/she will need to be on this roll to ensure that we have enough teacher supervision.

Our recommendation is that it is still safest for children to be working from home on their distance learning if at all possible.

Ngaa mihi nui
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