



Tuesday 21 April 2020

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 any number of challenges for you to deal with but I have been getting some great feedback about the range of learning that is happening and thank you for all your support.

Yesterday the Government decided that we will move into Alert Level 3 on 28 April. That means we will be open to receive some students from Wednesday 29 April. We are starting to prepare our school site today.

The key message from the Government for you is that if you can, you should keep your child at home. You should only physically send your child to school if you need to. If your child has a health condition 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.

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

In order to ensure the safety of those children and our staff who do need to come to school, we will be operating with very strict enforcement of health and safety measures. Under Alert Level 3, students who do need to come to school will have a very different school experience to the usual, as strict physical distancing will be enforced. The playground and any sports equipment will not be available, nor will the library.

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 to students and staff. This will help us work through the public health requirements that we all need to meet. As you will be doing, we want to be sure that what we do will keep our community 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. As you have been doing, please keep connecting with your teachers with any questions you might have.

**We need to know as soon as possible if you need your child to attend in person.** Usually this will be because there will be nobody at home to supervise your children when you return to work.

**Please reply to this email URGENTLY, answering the questions below, so that we know you have received it, and also so we know if your child will be returning to school in person on 29 April.**

- 1. Is your child coming to school on Wednesday 29 April?**
- 2. If so, are you expecting a bus to be available?**
- 3. Do you need anything to help with learning at home? E.g. another laptop?**

Many thanks for everything you are doing to keep everybody safe.

Ngā mihi

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