



COVID-19 Update #3 – 28 August 2021

Alert Level 4 - 3

Kia ora whānau

With one full week of distance learning down I'd like to say a huge thank you to you all, for what you are doing to support your children at home with their learning. Whether this be the activities delivered out in the hard copy packs, activities online or activities that you have organised yourselves, it is all really valuable and will be supporting your children to continue to flourish while they are at home. I've loved having different examples of this learning shared with me from various teachers and I look forward to seeing how this will continue.

If you haven't been able to be as involved in the learning, you are juggling working from home as well as managing distance learning, or you are one of our really valued community members who has been working throughout these past weeks and haven't been able to do too much by way of home learning with your children then that is ok too. Please remember to be kind to yourselves and just do what you are able to.

You will most likely have heard the Prime Minister's announcement yesterday afternoon that we will be staying in Alert Level 4 until 11.59pm on Tuesday evening, then moving to Alert Level 3. The Ministry of Education have yet to confirm with us the updated Ministry of Health guidelines for Alert Level 3 but we know they will be similar to last year and most likely slightly more stringent.

What does that mean for schooling?

For the majority of your children, it will mean carrying on with home learning at home, just like they are doing now. Hard copy packs have been made up for everyone again and we have a delivery team all set to get these out to students on Monday morning. Look out for them in your letterboxes. Teachers will continue to connect with classes and will also be continuing to develop their digital learning tools too.

The Prime Minister said yesterday, 'essentially, schools are closed' at Alert Level 3. Supervised learning, operating in small bubbles, will be available for children of those parents that are required to work and there are no other options available for supervision for their children.

Earlier in the year a survey was put out to you all, and followed up again last week with those new to our school, to find out who would be needing supervision for their children at school during Alert Level 3. This information has been really helpful and has meant we are well down the track of planning for what this will look like at school. Level 3 is the most challenging time for us as a school to be operating as there are lots and lots of different things that need to be carefully managed, as well as ensuring learning at home continues smoothly too.

Shortly after receiving this email I will send you another email to check that your situation hasn't changed since you completed the survey. Please reply to the email to confirm **if you have a change in circumstance**. There is no need to reply if your circumstances haven't changed.

From there, I will continue to communicate separately with those families who do need to attend on site, to share how we will be operating and what the children will need to do when they come to and from school, also what to expect when they are on site. This won't be finalised until early next week.

Thanks again for your support. It really is appreciated!! I'd also like to put special mention of thanks here too to our teachers who have done a wonderful job getting distance learning all set up again for our children. We have an exceptional group on staff who are so committed to our school, our children and only want the best for them. Keep connected, keep safe and go well.

Remember if there is anything that anyone needs, please contact your child's classroom teacher, or contact me directly. We are only too happy to do what we can to help.

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