



21 April 2020

Kia ora Whaanau,

Yesterday the Prime Minister announced that we will be moving to Alert Level 3 from midnight on Monday 27th April. At Alert Level 3 people are asked to keep their bubbles as small as possible and to work and learn from home if they can.

During this week we will continue to receive further updates from the Ministry of Education. Under Alert Level 3 school will not be functioning in the way students and whaanau are used to. At this point in time, the following health and safety restrictions will apply when school reopens on Wednesday 29 April for those learners who have parents who NEED to be physically at their place of work, and there is no other person in their immediate or extended bubble who can supervise them during the day.

Guidelines:

- Students are only at school if there is no one else to look after them whilst parents/caregivers are at work.
- Students with a health condition that means they are at a greater risk of a severe illness must stay at home.
- Students who attend school must do so each day unless they are unwell. This is not an opt in or opt out scenario.
- 'At school learning bubbles' will be established across team and family groups and will not be larger than 10 students initially. Students may not be working with their peers, own classroom teachers or in their regular classroom space.
- School will only be open between the hours of 8:45am – 3:15pm.
- Parents will be asked not to enter the school site unless in an emergency.
- To maintain strict adherence to physical distancing expectations, parents are asked to drop off and pick up their child from school.
- Drop off time will be between 8:30am and 8:45am – **social distancing must be adhered to during this time and where possible parents stay in the car**. There will be two allocated Drop Off Zones: Berkley Ave for Aranui, Tainui and Te Aroha Bubbles. Mullane Street for Rangahau, Mahi Tahi and Kia Kaha Bubbles.
- Pick up must be between 3:15pm - 3:30pm at the same area as drop off.
- Children presenting with any signs of illness should not be at school and will be sent home.
- The School Office is only open for phone calls and emails. No face to face access.

Classroom protocols will include:

- Students will have allocated seating with a minimum of 1m distancing inside and 2m outside. Social distancing protocols will apply and this means staggered break times in designated areas. Toilet facilities will be allocated for each team bubble.
- Students will be supervised with their distance learning while they are at school.
- There is no access to the adventure playgrounds or sports equipment.
- The school is unable to provide lunches for students at this time and the canteen is closed.
- Students are to bring their own water bottles. Water fountains are not to be used.
- Regular and rigorous washing of hands will be encouraged for all students and staff throughout the day. Hand sanitiser will be provided along with soap and paper towels.

- Hard surfaces and door handles will be wiped down and sanitised each day in line with Ministry of Health guidelines.

Thank you to those who completed the recent survey. This data has allowed us to start our preparations for Alert Level 3. From tomorrow your child's teacher will make contact with you to ascertain if your child will need to come to school.

To enable students to remain at home and access ongoing distance learning, our plan for getting school devices and hard copy packs out to learners who need them continues. The process is now well underway and we acknowledge your patience as we work within the Ministry of Education guidelines to distribute them.

Thank you for working with us to keep everyone safe. "Stay strong, stay home, let's finish what we've started."

Nathan Leith
Principal