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Kia ora koutou

We hope that Term 2 and our distance learning programme has been a success for you so far. We know there will have been any number of challenges for you to deal with, but we have been getting some great feedback about the learning that is happening and thank you for all your support.

Yesterday the Government decided that we will move into Alert Level 3 on the 28th of April. That means we will be open to receive students from the 29th of April. We are already starting the work to prepare our site for this.

The key message 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.

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.

I want to assure you that we will continue to support your child's learning at home. We are working through the massive task of providing devices to families that have good internet connection but no devices, and *we will also be providing our own hard copy packs for those students with internet connectivity issues.* Thank you for providing all of this information to us via the survey, and through conversations with staff. We will also work through how these will get to you - we may either be sending them out, or working with families to arrange times for pick up. We ask that you support us with that where possible.

We will contact you later this week to find out whether you can keep your child learning from home, or need your child to attend in person. We will begin this contact based on our survey where we asked if you are essential workers... starting with those that said yes, then those that said at times - as it may take you some time to find out from your employers what their arrangements are. From there we will confirm with those that said no - that no thing has changed for them. We also have to consider our staffing based on the needs of our staff to protect the people in their bubbles also. It is our vision that we still keep people's 'bubbles' as small as possible at Level 3, where possible.

Currently we have not had any information about school transport, so it would be safe to say until we hear otherwise parents will need to be responsible for getting their children to school, and start and end times may be staggered. At this point in time there will not be parent access to our school site - students will be met at the gates, and we will work out how the learning packs will be getting out to families. It is a planned approach to increasing the people that your children, and our staff are in contact with for the two weeks of Level 3. Like everything else - these arrangements will change when and as required. I can assure you that when I know more about school transport I will let you know.

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. 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.

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