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Kia ora koutou

Moving to Alert Level 3

We hope that Term 2 and our learning@home programme has been a success for you so far. We 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! Thank you for all your support.

As many of you will have seen, the Prime Minister announced yesterday that we will be moving from COVID 19 Alert Level 4 to Alert Level 3 at 11.59 pm on Monday 27th April 2020. This means that we will be able to begin preparing the school for the requirements of Alert Level 3. There are many things that we need to do before we start welcoming Year 9 and 10 students back into school. Please be patient with us while we do this properly and be aware that all schools will be very different in their approaches to such preparation.

The key message for you is that where possible, you should keep your child at home. You should only physically send your child to school if there is an appropriate need. This would include those parents who are working and have no other option for childcare for their child/children. If your child has a health condition placing them 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. School will look very different at Alert Level 3. Students can expect their day to look quite different to how life was before lockdown. Details of what this will look like will be made available soon.

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

The Ministry of Education has advised that they are working closely with health officials to develop clear guidance to support schools for safely re-opening their premises to students and staff. This guidance will help us work through the public health requirements that we all need to meet. As you have, and will continue to be doing during Levels 3 and 4 lockdown, we will follow all guidelines to keep our community as safe as possible.

Thank you to all of you who have replied to the Year 9 and 10 questionnaires about students returning to school via Google forms. If you still need to do this then we ask that you do so as soon as possible. We will make contact with you again later this week via email to let you know the details of our next steps.

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