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Dear parents and caregivers,

I'd like to start by thanking our amazing community for continuing to support our efforts to remain open for those children of essential workers. The teachers in the bubble and our staff who are onsite are doing a great job in trying times. We strongly believe in supporting those essential workers who are helping to keep the community and important services running.

As we sit now we do not have any concrete information about what next week will look like at school. We are preparing for every eventuality! This includes resourcing the classrooms for heightened cleaning and hygiene routines and the additional cleaning of areas that the return to Covid Level 2 would require, while also preparing for a return to online learning next week if we remain at Level 3 or move to Level 4. We won't have clarity on this until Friday afternoon, but please be reassured that our school team is working hard to ensure your child will be safe and their education will continue regardless of which level we move to.

In preparation for a possible continuation of Level 3 restrictions and the continuation of our home learning, we need your help with the preparations. **If your child requires a device to access the home learning that is provided can you please let us know by 11am Friday (office@greenhithe.school.nz).** We will then prepare the devices ready for you to collect from the school on Friday afternoon. The pick up will be done through contactless collection and we will, of course, adhere to social distancing requirements. The pick up, if required would be from outside the office between 11.30am and 4 pm. You will need to sign our Covid register. Please observe the social distancing protocols. **Only those who email the office and register with us will be able to pick up a device.**

We are unsure what will unfold over the next few days or weeks, therefore collecting a device next week will **NOT** be an option and we will not be able to deliver any devices this time round. Please note, these are our own school devices. We didn't receive any from the Ministry, however, we want to support those members of our school who need access to a device.

Finally a couple of reminders about Level 3 at school. One of the requirements is that the school grounds are closed, apart from the essential staff on site and the children of the essential workers. When the school is closed at the weekend or in the evenings, please do not enter the school site. This is a Ministry of Education requirement. At level 3 the playgrounds are closed (including for the children on site). Our security company will be doing regular sweeps of the school.

Stay safe and look after each other. Kia Kaha.  
Ngā mihi

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