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Dear parents and caregivers,

We now have some clarity for the next little while. While as a country we remain at level 3, as a school this means we are closed for students, except for those children of essential workers. Below are the details for our bubbles, which remain the same as my initial email on the change to level 3. Please remember our school site is closed, except for these children in the bubbles. Please contact the office via email if you have any questions.

Level 3

The school is only open for those children of essential workers. Please ensure if you are in this category that you email the office so we have the correct number of teachers on site to look after the children (office@greenhithe.school.nz).

School Routines at Level 3 (Only the children of essential workers)

- The children who have to be in school, as their parents are essential workers, will be placed back in a 'bubble'.
- We ask those parents to **drop the children at the school gate** and **not come onsite**.
- Please use **Isobel Rd gate** to drop your child. A member of staff will be there to ensure a safe transition into school.
- For the safety and health of the staff on duty and the other adults and children, observe social distancing.
- At this stage we won't be staggering the start and finish times for bubbles. However, this may change, but you will be informed.
- Please remind your child of the need to wash hands and practice good hygiene. If your child is sick, please keep them at home and if a child becomes unwell at school, they will be sent straight home.

Home learning

On Monday we will be commencing home learning for the period of time we remain in level 3. Your child's teacher will send out a home learning grid. Please direct any questions regarding home learning to your child's teacher. The teachers have worked very hard over this time to ensure that your child has some useful and engaging learning opportunities in this period when they are at home. Your child's teacher will maintain regular contact with you through Seesaw and can be contacted via email, regarding your child's learning.

While we are sending this learning home to support you and them, please don't stress over it too much, some maintenance of basic skills is important, but we do not want this to cause any issues at home! Play outside, bake cookies and paint pictures, play board games, watch movies or find virtual field trips. Stay in touch with the teacher, when we are back in the classroom, which hopefully is only a couple of weeks away, we will welcome the children back and teach from where they are, as we always do. Our Greenhithe teachers are experts at this and will always support the academic progress and the wellbeing of your child. We hope you are all well and staying safe.

Ngā mihi
Stephen Grady
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