

14th February 2021

Tena koutou Whānau

This is not the email I wanted to be sending, however, as a school and a community we will again act to ensure the safety of our school whanau and the wider Greenhithe community. As a result of the Government announcement at 7pm, the whole of Auckland will move from Alert Level 1 to Alert Level 3 for the next 72 hours from midnight tonight. **That means that where possible you should keep your children home from school for this period.**

**Please read the information below carefully.**

### **Level 3**

**We will only be open for those who have no other options but to send your children to school and we will have safety precautions in place to look after them.**

At this stage we will not be sending any devices home, as we are looking at only three school days initially.

#### **School Routines at Level 3**

- The children who **have to be in school** will be placed back in a 'bubble'
- We ask those parents to **drop the children at the Isobel Road school gate and not come onsite.**
- Drop off is from 8.30am- The children will be collected from the Isobel Road gate at 3pm. **Please DO NOT come on site to collect your child.**
- Please use **Isobel Road gate** to drop your child. Senior 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.
- The onsite before and after school care will not be operating.

### **Home learning**

Tomorrow, your child's teacher will send out some learning activities for the next 3 days. Please direct any questions regarding home learning to your child's teacher. Your child's teacher will maintain regular contact with you through Seesaw or email, and can be contacted via email, regarding your child's learning. Please don't stress yourself or your children about home learning. We are hopeful this will only be for three days! Stay in touch with the teacher, when we are back in the classroom, we will welcome the children back and continue with the planned learning!

COVID-19 continues to be a factor we need to consider, and I assure you we have a robust plan and will do everything we need to for your children and your wider family and whānau. Please keep yourselves and your families safe, and we look forward to seeing you all hopefully later this week. Thank you for your continuing support. I will stay in contact this week and let you know how other changes will impact on our school and our processes.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Kia Kaha

Ngā mihi

Stephen Grady

Principal

Greenhithe School