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Dear parents and caregivers,

With the announced move to Covid Alert Level 3 in Auckland last night, I am sad to again be communicating a lockdown of our school. This time from Monday 1st March until Sunday 7th March. **This means we are closed for most students.** We will only be open for those who have no other options but to send their children to school. Your child's teacher has been working hard to get some distance learning activities organised for this period that the school is closed. Once we get any further information about changes in levels, and therefore the reopening of the school, I will, of course, let you know.

### **Level 3 Reminders**

- **The school site is closed**, this includes the swimming pool, playgrounds, fields and courts.
- **The school is only open for those children of essential workers.** Please ensure if you are in this category that you email the office by 4pm today (**Sunday 28th February**) so we have the correct number of teachers on site to look after the children ([office@greenhithe.school.nz](mailto:office@greenhithe.school.nz)). Those children of essential workers can come into school from 8.30am onwards, I will be at the Isobel Road, top gate to greet the children, if there are changes to the routines, we will email you directly.
- If your family needs a device to access online learning, please contact me ([principal@greenhithe.school.nz](mailto:principal@greenhithe.school.nz)) directly. We have very limited devices to hand out, so we must also know this by **4pm today**, so we can prepare the devices, insurance and breakage agreements, as well as organising the contactless collection tomorrow.
- If you need to contact the school, please either call between 8am-3.15pm or email ([office@greenhithe.school.nz](mailto:office@greenhithe.school.nz)). The office is closed for all visitors.

### **The Distance Learning Plan**

***Your teacher will maintain regular contact with you and can be contacted via email regarding your child's learning only. Any other questions should be directed to myself, Michelle or Kelly directly.***

Your teacher will send out information on how their team will be distributing the distance learning for the next little while. They are working hard as I type this, setting up the learning programme. The information your child's teacher sends out will include expectations of learning, how the

teacher will stay in contact (e.g Seesaw, Google classroom etc), how they interact with your child and how you can support the learning.

The learning will be a mixture of online and offline activities, including individually levelled maths and reading, some more open ended tasks related to the classroom learning programme, or to maintain some basic skills ready for when we come back to school.

However, and as I have said every time we have been in this situation, as a parent myself there are a few things I am considering. While we send 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. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the online learning, please email your child's teacher directly.

When we are back in the classroom, we will welcome our 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.

Again, we truly value your support of our school. We will miss the children and the community engagement that we value. I assure you we have a robust plan for managing our school at the different alert levels and will do everything we need to for your children and your wider family and whānau. Please look after yourselves and your families, we look forward to welcoming everyone back as soon as we are allowed.

Kia kaha whānau  
Stephen Grady