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Dear Parents and caregivers,

I am sure you will already know that from midnight tonight Auckland is in Covid-19 Alert Level 4. This means our site will be closed for everyone. Our school site will again be locked and no-one should be on the site.

In terms of learning, our amazing teachers are already working on some home learning options for your children. Tomorrow they will be working on finalising these and they will be sent out by 9am on Thursday. These activities will be a mixture of online and offline activities. Your child's teacher will be setting up a meeting with your child for Monday, and they will send out the details of this directly to their classes. Until the length of lockdown becomes clearer, we won't be offering devices, however if the lockdown is extended, then we will organise devices for those with no access.

These activities are to support the learning, they are not designed to cause your family undue stress at this time. These are optional. 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! Play outside and go on walks (within the rules), play board games, bake cookies and paint pictures. If you have any questions or concerns regarding learning, please email your child's teacher directly.

We appreciate the unease the lockdown situation can cause. Your child will not fall behind by not completing every task! Do what is manageable in your household in a way that works for you. When we are back in the classroom, we will welcome them back and teach from where the children are, as we always do. Our Greenhithe teachers are experts at this and will always support your child's academic progress and the wellbeing of your child.

I will keep you informed and updated of any development and our plans for reopening our school as the information is given to us. 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. We look forward to getting everyone back into school as soon as we are allowed.

Kia Kaha
Ngā mihi

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