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Dear parents and caregivers,

With the announced move to Covid Alert Level 3 in Auckland, I am pleased to be communicating the moving down of a Covid Alert Level. From 22 September until further notice, we will be operating at Covid 19 Alert Level 3. We have done this before however I need to make you aware that the instructions around Alert Level 3 have changed for this outbreak of the Delta variant of Covid -19.

**With Delta Level 3 Greenhithe School remains closed for almost all students.** We will **only** be open for those who have no adult at home to look after the child. This means if you are working from home OR have another adult, such as a grandparent living in the home, your child MUST remain at home. Your child's teacher has been working hard to continue the distance learning activities organised for this period that the school is closed, and therefore the children will continue with the online learning they have been engaged in while in Covid 19 Alert Level 4.

### **Level 3 Reminders**

- **The school is only open for those children of essential workers as listed above.** Please ensure if you are in this category that you email the office by **Tuesday 21 September by 1pm**, 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, and go directly to their bubble classroom where they will be greeted by their bubble teacher.
- Each parent will receive specific health and safety information to ensure the teachers and children remain safe in their time at school. This email will also state what equipment and resources the child should bring to ensure the least physical contact we can.
- **The school site is closed**, this includes the playgrounds, fields and courts. If you need to contact the school, please email the office, as visitors are unable to enter the school site ([office@greenhithe.school.nz](mailto:office@greenhithe.school.nz)).

Covid-19 Alert Level 3 has changed this time around, due to the more transferable nature of the Delta variant. This means our bubbles can only be for 10 children. This is one of the reasons that if you have an adult at home, you must keep your child at home. We only have limited spaces that are suitable for a bubble, limited staff and therefore limited places, with the reduced bubble sizes halving our capacity.

After feedback from teachers, students and parents, the teaching staff will remain at home to ensure the online learning is maintained for every class. This also helps to ensure that when we reopen at Covid 19 Alert Level 2, our teachers will be ready. Therefore, please note, none of the bubbles will be taken by our full time classroom teachers. Instead our part time teachers, non class based staff and regular relieving teachers will supervise the bubbles. The children who have to come in will be fully supported online by their class teacher, as every student will be. If they are on site the children will simply be completing their online learning in the school setting. There is not an additional programme, except one or two activities for when the children complete their online learning.

As a school we are here to fully support our parents and families who need us to be here at Covid Alert Level 3, for when they have **no one at home to supervise** the children, so they are able to go out to work in and around our community.

Again, we truly value your support of our school. We all 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 this includes the changes we will have to make at Covid 19 Alert Level 2 and 3, with the delta variant in mind. When we are back in the classroom, we will welcome our children back and teach from where they are, as we always do and have become expert at after several of these lockdown transitions between distance and on-site learning.

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  
Principal