

17/09/21

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Firstly, I hope you are all safe and well in your bubbles. While we cross our fingers for an alert level change to be announced on Monday, this will keep us in our bubbles at home for learning. I want to thank you for your efforts at home with supporting the learning. Our teachers have shared with me the amazing engagement they are seeing with your children. Balancing work and home learning is difficult, and we appreciate your support in this.

Presuming an announcement of a level change occurs on Monday I will send information about how Level 3 will look at our school. At this point we will be having a very limited opening for a specific group. The Ministry of Education guidelines for this are below, which have changed from the last Level 3 opening. Please don't contact the office regarding whether you meet the criteria and therefore have the option to send your child at this point. We will collect that information following the announcement.

Delta Level 3 Schooling:

- Schools are essentially closed at alert Level 3 with the exception of those children whose parents and carers have to physically leave their homes to go to work during this level of lockdown and there is no appropriate caregiver or extended bubble member to look after their child/ren.
- Children should continue distance learning if a caregiver is in their home, even if the caregiver is working there.
- Children at school during alert Level 3 will continue to do their learning via online distance learning, following the same programme as their classmates.
- Children who are attending school will be in bubbles of 10 or less with two staff members, who will be our non class-based teachers (regular relievers for example, with a learning assistant).

As I said above, I will provide full details on Monday following any announcement of a level change, this is a heads up of what to prepare for!

Year 6 Parents

I have had a request from Albany Junior High School for parents to ensure they have enrolled for 2022 if that is where your child will go for year 7. They need to get their school numbers organised to ensure they are staffed appropriately. Please contact the school office directly.

New Enrolments

If you have a child who will be starting with us either later this year or next year please let the office know as soon as possible. This information is crucial in our planning, to ensure we recruit the best possible teachers for our school! Please contact Judi in the office, via email. (office@greenhithe.school.nz)

Looking Ahead

We are currently working through how term 4 may look at different alert levels, how this will affect our arrangements for events and how to get the school running with some normality, while continuing to meet all the obligations of various alert levels. As we make these decisions we will let you know. As you can imagine we are working through a lot of uncertainty around school events in term 4!

Thank you for your continuing support of our school. We are looking forward to hitting alert Level 2 in the coming weeks so we can get back on site with your children. Please look after yourselves and your families.

Kia Kaha

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