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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As we continue on our time in lockdown while at Covid 19 Alert Level 4, I want to thank you all for your support in assisting your children to access and take part in the online learning. I know juggling work and home learning can be a challenge. I wanted to confirm the continuation of our current online learning provision while we remain at Covid 19 Alert Level 4. Please remind your child to discuss any issues with the learning tasks with the teacher. **Remember, the learning we give is optional for you to decide what works for you and your family, if you wish for your child to do more or less, that is your call!** If they can at least keep in touch through a meeting with their teacher, we would appreciate it.

I also want to give a big thank you to our amazing teachers and staff. Every time we are faced with any sort of adversity, they step up. I know they are also juggling home learning for their children and organising the school side of their jobs. They are working really hard, ensuring your child has a suitable programme of learning and that they are available for your child. I am incredibly proud of the team we are lucky to have at Greenhithe School. I would also like to thank the Board. They are continuing to work on behalf of the school, still holding our full Board and committee meetings and being a huge support to me personally.

The Alert Level 4 lockdown has unfortunately started to have an impact on some of our school wide and year level events. Many of our activities cannot take place until we get back to Covid 19 Alert Level 1, although some can be altered to take place in Alert Level 2. There is huge uncertainty around when alert levels will change, and also what the very strict instructions we get from the Ministry Of Education may also look like, as the current Delta Variant of Covid-19 is leading some changes from previous lockdowns. This means trips and visits planned for term 3 have been postponed or cancelled. Some of the school wide events we have had to sadly make some decisions on are:

School Production- Postponed until term 4, when we will set a new date and cross our fingers that we can go ahead.

Maths Information Evening- This will now take place in term 1 next year (due to rebooking the facilitator)

Term 3 Disco- Cancelled for now.

Teacher Only Day- This has been postponed to a later date. This is part of the teachers contracts, but we are also mindful that a day in term 3 when we close for L3 bubbles etc is unhelpful for those essential workers who will rely on us at that time.

If your child's year group has a trip booked in term 3 or 4, they will contact you directly, if the date has been published for the event. As we get a little more certainty around alert levels going later into September and October, we will look further into term 4 and make decisions on some of the other events. Rest assured we will do our utmost to ensure events can continue, and anything that does go ahead will be done with every possible safety consideration and precaution.

Please look after yourselves and your families. I have loved some of the responses to my video to the children! It is nice to connect with them, as it was getting waves through the windows when I delivered devices! I know I talk for all of our staff when I say we miss seeing the children, hearing their great stories and watching them develop and grow. I am looking forward to when we get back to Alert Level 2 and we can reopen our gates to them again.

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