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Dear parents,

Unfortunately in quick succession we face some further unprecedented challenges. The incoming Cyclone Gabrielle is posing a huge risk to Greenhithe and the wider Auckland area.

The Board has carefully considered the situation and the risks and it has been a straightforward decision **to close the school on Monday 13th February**. This decision also follows a recommendation made by the Secretary of Education at 4.20pm today.

There are now Red Level rain and wind warnings in place, with the worst to hit tomorrow afternoon, putting our children and staff in the school and travelling home at risk. We believe the risk is too high, when we consider all the information from Auckland Emergency Management, to open the school. The Board and leadership take our responsibility to do the best we can to keep our children safe very seriously.

Stephen has also been liaising with our local schools, and the greater Auckland area, who have also come to the same conclusion as us.

We will reassess the situation tomorrow to consider reopening on Tuesday. We will make this decision early tomorrow afternoon, and let you know the outcome as soon as we can.

Stay safe and reach out if you need support. The school is part of the Greenhithe Emergency Resilience Group (GERG), who are working hard in the community and are ready to give support if required.

Kia kaha.

Greenhithe School Board and Leadership Team