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Kia ora koutou

At Alert Level 3, you legally must stay within your household bubble unless for essential personal movement including going to work and going to school. As the Prime Minister noted on Friday, schools are essentially closed at Alert Level 3 with the exception of those few children whose parents and carers must go to work at Alert Level 3, and there is no appropriate caregiver at home.

You have indicated that your child will need to attend school during Alert Level 3. As you can imagine it will not be school as we know it under Alert Level 2 or 1. It is really important that you prepare your child/children for this.

All our usual safety precautions for Alert Level 3 will be in place which include following all the recommendations from the public health experts.

- High touch surfaces will be regularly cleaned and disinfected.
- Everyone will be encouraged to frequently wash their hands and cover their coughs
- Everyone will be physically distanced from others as much as possible (1 metre inside and two metres outside)
- School bubbles will be kept to no more than 10 students. These bubbles will not mix with other bubbles.
- No playgrounds can be used.
- No sports or play equipment can be used.
- The question of whether face coverings must be worn under Alert Level 3 in schools has been the subject of detailed investigation by Public Health. They have advised against the use of face coverings for a range of reasons, most particularly because face coverings that are handled incorrectly or are moved around can present a greater risk than no covering. Those who wish to wear a mask will be supported in their choice. Teachers will be wearing masks.
- Bubbles must not mix with each other inside or outside the school grounds so each bubble will have only one outside area that they can play in
- Hand sanitizer available at the entrance to classrooms.
- Students and teachers must stay home or be asked to go home if they are unwell.

Contact Tracing

Our contact tracing systems will be in place, which includes our attendance register and visitor register, and we will be limiting staff onsite with the majority of our team working from home.

Online Learning

Children who attend in Alert Level 3 will be supported to access learning online as all our other students are doing from home.

What should your child bring with them?

- If your child is using a school device at home or their own chromebook it will be important that they bring this each day with them.

- Morning tea, Lunch and a drink bottle. Drinking fountains are unable to be used during Alert Level 3
- As we are unable to use any shared equipment of any kind your child might like to bring a couple of things from home to play with.

Please do not send your child to school if they are at all unwell.

General

There are three bubbles/ classes situated in three different species. They will be using different toilet facilities.

Each bubble will enter the school at a different gate. On Wednesday and for the first couple of days they will be met by the teacher who is looking after that bubble. They will be then shown the area that has been allotted to that bubble for the duration of Alert Level 3.

You will receive an individual email to let you know which bubble your child/children are in and which gate they should arrive at no earlier than 8.30am.



