



Tuesday 17th August

RE: Coronavirus/COVID-19 Update

Dear Parents and Caregivers

COVID-19 STATUS

The government as of 6.00pm tonight has announced the following

- We are in **Level 4 for the next 3 days beginning at 11.59pm tonight.**
- Schools are now **CLOSED for the remainder of this week** to all children, parents and staff.
- Our first day back at school is Monday 23rd August 2021 when the school will reopen at a new alert level (yet to be announced).
- Parents and Caregivers can **activate their Alert Level 3 and 4 learning packs tomorrow** for the remainder of this week. These packs have been previously sent home in Term 1 or when new children arrived and have been designed for each syndicate with learning for 1 week. If your child has not got one please email your teacher and they can send you an electronic version.
- Your child/ren's **teachers and I are available via email.** If you need any assistance or support please email us.

TALKING TO CHILDREN

Our children are well aware of the Coronavirus/Covid-19 outbreak and this has now gone up a level as we head as a country to Level 4 for 3 days.

Please talk with your child to

- see how they are feeling about it.
- ensure that they are correctly informed about what is going on.
- answer the questions that they have.
- continue to reassure them and remind them we are all doing our best to keep them safe and the importance of hygiene practices.

Remember to take time to think about how much discussion is healthy for your child and to also talk to them about how to handle discussions with others.

FURTHER UPDATES

Our staff has continued to work behind the scenes to be ready just in case Alert Level 4 was needed to be activated again. This is why we made the learning packs and sent them home earlier in the year. If we are required to go into lockdown for longer than 3 days we will update you all via Seesaw, Google Classroom, Class Dojo, School Facebooks, App alerts or emails to tell you what the next steps will be eg: activating further learning packs, delivering digital devices, starting online learning etc

FINALLY

Please pass the word to all your friends and family to make sure they haven't missed out this update.

For further specific information about Level 4 and Covid-19 please go to <https://covid19.govt.nz/>

Remember we have done this successfully in 2020 and we can do it again!

On behalf of our staff and Board of Trustees, we would like to once again thank our community for their support during this time and helping us to keep our children and families as safe as possible.

All the very best and stay safe.

Yours sincerely

Patrice O'Connor, Principal of Greytown School