



Monday 23rd August 2021

RE: Coronavirus/COVID-19 Update

Dear Parents and Caregivers

First off....WE HAVE GOT THIS!!.....WE ARE A TEAM!!

#### **LEVEL 4 EXTENDED**

The government as of 4.00 pm today have announced the following

- We will be remaining in **Level 4 until Friday 27th August at 11.59pm.**
- Our **school and grounds will remain closed** until this has been lifted.

#### **CONTINUING LEARNING**

Learning for the remainder of this week will continue predominantly online or via hardpack activities. Hard packs and additional devices have been delivered today by our team to over 170+ houses where parents requested them. The opportunity to get hard packs and devices provided by school is now closed.

#### **HARD PACKS**

Additional to the hard packs provided by the school that were delivered today (to homes where parents requested these), we have sent the MOE requests for ongoing hard packs in case they are required in the future.

Other additional information and resources about learning at home can be found at <https://learningfromhome.govt.nz/learning-resources> or you can access the Home Learning Channel on <https://www.tvnz.co.nz/shows/home-learning-tv>.

#### **DIGITAL DEVICES**

Today our team has delivered 100+ devices to homes around Greytown and other areas. The opportunity to get a school device has now closed.

#### **COMMUNICATION**

We will continue to do our best to keep you up to date. We will send out all information to our parents and caregivers via Seesaw, Google Classroom, Class Dojo, School Facebooks, App alerts or emails. Please make sure that you update your School App (KiwiSchools - free in the App store) and you check these updates regularly. If however you have any trouble please email your child's teacher.

#### **REMOTE/DIGITAL LEARNING STARTS WEDNESDAY 25th AUGUST**

As stated all children have their current packs that will last until Tuesday 24th August. Therefore online learning with teachers will begin Wednesday 25th August and will continue until we are all back on school site. **Each Syndicate will send out information to all parents tomorrow** via Seesaw, Google Classroom, Class Dojo, School Facebooks, App alerts or emails to tell you what the next step of learning will look like and how to access it on Wednesday.

#### **FAMILY WELL BEING**

Our first priority during this time is to maintain everyone's well being to ensure we are all happy and as stress free as possible. The best way to maintain this is for your family to continue to spend time together in a happy environment. Therefore do as much or as little learning as you can achieve without causing stress. Mix up the day with a little bit of learning (For some this may be 1 hour or a morning... for others more or less!). It can also involve planning and building forts, watching learning on TVNZ on demand (or a few movies), playing games, going for a short walk etc. Check out our school Facebook for other fun ideas.

Please do not panic about children falling behind as we can all work together once they get back to school to help them. Do what is achievable for your child and you. Teachers will be available either by email or online to support you and your child. Contact us if we can help in any way.

**STAFF WELLBEING**

We have incredible staff that are working extremely hard to make everything as smooth as possible for your child/ren and family. As you can appreciate we need to look after our staff's well being. Similar to you, many of them have children and families that they need to support while working. To ensure they maintain their well being they will continue to work and respond to emails between a normal school day 9.00am-3.00pm Monday to Friday. Outside this time they will not be responding to emails unless they choose to, as they will carry on with preparation for lessons or spending time with their families.

All the very best and stay safe.

Yours sincerely

Patrice O'Connor, Principal of Greytown School