

COVID-19 UPDATE 27th August 2021

RE: ALERT LEVEL 3

Dear Parents and Caregivers



Firstly a big thank you to everyone, for another positive and successful week. It has been pleasing to hear that after devices and home learning packs were dropped off to homes on Monday, more of our children have engaged with their home learning and are having fun on Zoom with their classmates and teachers, or enjoying the sun and time with family.

### **Alert Level 3 onsite**

As of 3pm today you would have heard the announcement that as of Tuesday 31st August at 11.59pm we will be going down to Alert Level 3.

This means

- On **Wednesday 1st September 2021** our school will be working at **Alert Level 3**. Until then we are at Alert Level 4 and closed.
- At Alert Level 3 as Jacinda Adern has explained, only **children whose parents are required to go into their workplaces AND have no other childcare arrangements** are able to work on our school site in carefully supervised bubble classrooms. All other children need to stay at home or in other child care arrangements.
- All children on site for Level 3 must be registered **before arriving** at school due to our Health and Safety regulations. If you are unsure please email me.
- If you **have not registered your child/ren for Alert Level 3** please email Patrice **by Sunday 29th August 5pm** at [principal@greytown.school.nz](mailto:principal@greytown.school.nz) This will enable me to make more detailed plans to arrange "Bubble Classrooms" and teaching coverage according to the Ministry guidelines that we will receive in the next few hours.
- All parents of children registered by Sunday at 5pm for Alert Level 3 onsite learning will then receive information by Monday night explaining how this will work.

### **Alert Level 3 off-site**

- All off site learning will continue either remotely or by hardpack until we go back into Level 2.
- Further information about additional hard packs will come out at the beginning of next week once we have received more information from the Ministry of Education and met as a team on Monday.

### **Teacher Only Day 2nd September**

- At this stage it will go ahead, however it will look very different in Alert Level 3.
  - **Alert Level 3 onsite bubbles will carry on onsite to enable essential workers to work** but it may involve different teachers as some staff will be zooming into the Professional Development at different times of the day.
  - Teachers will send out online work for off site learners for the day, however they will not have Zoom classes on this day.

(PLEASE NOTE: This Teacher Only Day may change once the MOE and our Professional Development Provider have been in touch. If postponed we will continue online and onsite learning as per other days and communicate this to you prior.)

Finally,

We appreciate all your support in helping us create a plan that ensures our children keep learning and staff and parents well work and well being is maintained.

Thanks, Patrice O'Connor (Principal)