

Kia Ora koutou Whanau o Fruitvale

PLEASE READ: New Zealand Principals Federation President, Perry Rush, met with the Ministry of Education Friday and we are starting to see some clarity around what Level 3 will look like. This will be made even more specific next week.

You may have already read this article in the NZ Herald this morning? If not, I encourage you to do so: https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=12325693&fbclid=IwAR2pQLHovjW1NFUOTCD_Tn5KsQgYf3Kfz15nHsFMzkKArGBpv0hjN1Gi9os

Please note when our school site is open for **SOME** children, it will not be 'back to school' as normal.

Everything will be very different under level 3. We will only be open for children of workers where there is an essential **NEED** and classes and curriculum won't be as normal.

Children on the school site will be following the Fruitvale online school programme just like the children at home. Children won't be playing freely with their usual friends like normal. Movement and contact will be restricted under level 3 and most teachers will remain working at home as a safety measure.

The first time we moved to level 3 we had very few children at school and we thank and praise our amazing community for making such wise and safe choices. We understand this time it may include those who have an essential need to send their child to school because they are working away from home under the new level 3.

No matter what, please note that after the cabinet have met on Monday and have clarified their Alert Level decision, we will send a survey to you on Wednesday. This survey will allow us to prepare a plan based on numbers of students we will be allowed to accommodate at the school site while also ensuring staff safety and the containment of the virus. Currently the government is thinking maximum of 10 students per class. (This too may change)

We currently are at alert level 4, and the government message is clear, when we move to level 3,

DISTANCE LEARNING AT HOME is still the BEST DEFENCE against the virus spreading!

Watch this space as I'll keep you updated with information as it becomes available and clear.

As always, if you need to contact me please do.



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Donal McLean
Principal