

Communication to Parents Tuesday 21 April

To Be Followed Up With A Survey:

Dear Parents and Caregivers

By now you will have seen we are soon moving to Alert Level Three. The key message is that this is a small step down from Level Four and we have to be particularly careful to ensure we do not have to go back to Level Four.

One of the keys to this is limiting contact with other people as much as possible. In terms of children and families, the best way to do this is to keep children at home during Level Three if you possibly can.

If you have to return to work and you have NO OPTIONS for caring for your child at home, then your child can return to school. It will not be school as you know it though.

We are working through the requirements of Level Three. These include:

- * Staggered drop off and collection times for children.
- * Planning for small bubbles of no more than ten
- * No access to playground equipment.
- * No outside PE that involves shared equipment
- * Remaining at a 2 metre distance from others when outside
- * No mixing with anyone at school outside your bubble of ten
- * Working on the same learning programme that children Learning@Home are working on
- * Keeping children a minimum of one metre apart inside their bubble at school
- * Children to sit/work in the exact same spot all day every day
- * Washing hands with Sanitiser every time you enter or leave your learning space
- * NO Before or After School Care will be operating.
- * No tuckshop open

We understand many parents will be keen to have their children return to school, and most children will be very eager to return. Please understand, as noted above, this is not school as we know it.

Even with all these precautions, we are putting the health of children, families and our teachers at greater risk, so it is really important to emphasise - the decision to return to school must be based on you not having any other options for your children's care.

Remember this is a time when your bubble can extend a little - grandparents could enter your bubble to care for your children while you return to work for example.

Learning@Home:

Teachers will continue to support children's learning at home.

We need to know who among you will be sending your children to school.

A survey will come out today. Can you reply by 10pm tonight; Tuesday 21 April.

Please answer this asap so that we can progress planning and report back to the whole community.

Take care in your bubbles. Be kind and look after each other. If we can help at all please contact us.

Na mihi nui

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