

Kia ora koutou

Yesterday the Government announced that we will move into Alert Level 3 on Tuesday 28 April. That means we will be open to receive students from **Wednesday 29th April**.

The key message for you is **that if you can, you should keep your child at home.** You should only physically send your child to school if you need to.

I want to assure you that we will continue to support your child's learning at home and we are going to send out more support next week for families that request it.

If your child or anyone in your house has a health condition, that means they are at a greater risk of a severe illness, you must keep your child at home.

In order to ensure the safety of those children and our staff who do come to school, we will be operating with strict enforcement of health and safety measures. Therefore, we need to create a register of all children who need to attend school during Level 3. You need to tell us in advance, as only children on this register can attend school.

Please click on the link to complete a survey and register your child/children. It needs to be completed as soon as possible. If you are unable to do this, one of our staff will contact you by phone on Thursday.

<https://forms.gle/5nK15DdYPH1vbqLZ7>

I would like to share with you what we think working at Level 3 at Fairburn School will look like.

- Only children who need to be at school will attend.
- Parents will need to inform the school in advance if their child is coming to school so school can plan adequately and have robust contact registers.
- Parents are asked to keep sick children at home, all sick children will be sent home.
- Children may not be in their own class or with their teacher. They will stay in their allocated group and area all day in the classroom and during any breaks. There will be no contact across groups.
- Children will be kept in small 'bubbles' of ten and will be situated in different parts of the school. However, once systems and processes change, we will increase these to twenty students.
- Children who are at school for supervision will continue with online learning.
- The lunchroom will be closed. Children must bring their own lunch and a water bottle.
- During breaks, children must stay two metres from other students and cannot leave their allocated area. There will be no ball games or any activities that could allow transfer of the virus.
- There will be a team of staff allocated to each group. Only those teachers will be involved in supervising the children in that group/bubble.
- All children attending school will need to be dropped off from 8.15 and picked up at 2.50. There will be physical distancing processes followed for this.

The Ministry of Education has advised that they are working closely with the Ministry of Health to develop clear guidance that will support schools to safely re-open their premises to students and staff. This will help us work through the public health requirements that we all need to meet. As you will be doing, we want to be sure that what we do will keep our community as safe as possible.

Thank you for your ongoing support during this time.

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