



Hello Everyone,

We hope that you are safe and well in your 'bubble'. Keep going – lockdown is, at least for now, proving effective and it is awesome that our communities remain Covid-19 free – let's keep it that way by staying on track and by continuing to make our contribution by staying home for a little while longer.

School restarts tomorrow but of course it is a very different type of school. We shouldn't think or expect for a moment that learning from home is the same as, or an effective replacement for, the traditional school setting – it is not.

What we have planned is that teachers will provide activity sheets each Monday and Wednesday whilst lockdown is in place. Our friends from Kiwi Can will provide one each Friday and our teacher aides will do another from time to time.

What we are aiming for is simple:

- Keeping a connection with school.
- Relieving some of the boredom that an extended break under lockdown brings.
- Doing things that support some level of learning whilst ensuring that we don't add to the stress that everyone is currently under.

How you structure your day and incorporate the activities into it is up to you – do what works in your circumstances at home. If you need some help or advice email your child's teacher (the addresses are below). They will email you back or, if you send them your phone number, they will call you. You are most welcome to post pictures of the children and their progress on any of the activities on the Kaeo School At Home page – we would love to see them and it is a way to maintain the children's connections with their teacher and with school. Likewise if your child would like to email their teacher then are most welcome to do so – even if its just to say hello.

I'm typing the next bit in bold because it is important:

**The activity sheets are there to help. If you or your child find the activities too difficult in your setting, if they are stressing out either your child or you, simply don't do them. It's ok.**

And please remember it's not a competition, especially between the children in your bubble. What works for one child may not work for another. Whether your child quickly completes a task, gives something a go, or works positively with you to work something out its all good. If you want to do all or some of the activities that it is fine too. If your child wants more activities, then try the sheet for the class one level up or below your child's class.

Like you this is our first go at this so please feel free to email either your child's teacher or me if you have any feedback or ideas for future worksheets. We will refine and improve what we do as time passes but, hopefully, we will all be back at school soon.

Kind regards,

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