



Kaeo School

Hello

We hope that Term 2 and our '*Kaeo School Learning At Home*' programme has been a success for you so far. We know there will have been any number of challenges for you to deal with and thank you for all your support.

Yesterday the Government decided that we will move into Alert Level 3 on 28 April. At Level 3 schools can accept students where it is necessary for essential workers and where there is an inability to care for children at home because of work commitments..

However, the key message is **that if you can, you should keep your child at home** and that you should **only send your child to school if you will have no one at home to care for them.**

If your child has a health condition that means they are at a greater risk of a severe illness you must keep them at home and if your child is sick please also ensure you keep them 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.

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.

It is expected that Covid 19 Level 3 will be in place for two weeks and a decision around this is scheduled for May the 11th. All being well, and we sincerely hope that this will be the case, then schools will reopen fully soon after the decision is made.

In the meantime, we will continue to support your child's learning at home and indeed with the return to staff having access to school and its resources then we aim to improve and broaden our *Kaeo School At Home* initiatives a little. We plan too to provide activities to those families that have found it difficult to engage with *Kaeo School At Home*' and where we are able to, support our school community in a broader sense.

To this end, it is important that we plan effectively and to do so we need an indication of the number of children that will not be able to be cared for at home from next Wednesday. It would be appreciated if you could please contact me - principal@kaeo.school.nz as soon as possible to let me know if your child needs to attend school, or not, when the Covid Alert Level is reduced to Level 3.

For now, we will continue to support your child's learning and you through the *Kaeo School At Home* Facebook page while we progress our planning for what Alert Level 3 will mean for you and for our school. We will continue to keep be in touch over the coming days. As you have been doing, please keep connecting with your teachers or with me with any questions you might have.

Kind regards,

Paul Barker,

Principal,

Kaeo School.