



Hello everyone,

There was good news today as the Prime Minister announced that the Far North will return to Covid 19 Alert Level 2 at 11.59pm on Thursday the 12th of November. It is pleasing that the current Covid 19 outbreak in our region appears to be contained and we can plan our return to school.

I am conscious that a large part of our school lives north of the Kaeo Bridge which remains in Alert Level 3 until Friday and that delaying the Alert Level move is in part designed to ensure that the return to Alert Level 2 is not prescient.

However, we are very conscious that everyone would like to see children return to school, the children themselves, teachers, principals and parents alike, but this desire must be balanced with the need to act safely and with care and in line with the health and science advice.

That being the case, we have decided to return to school in two groups. Children that live in Covid Alert Level 2 and those children of essential workers may return to school tomorrow. The Alert Level 2 border is well discussed and well known to all by now but is basically in a line from the Kaeo River Bridge through to Tauranga Bay, anyone north of that line (those currently in Alert level 3) can return to school on Friday when the Far North Alert Level changes.

For those children 'north of the bridge' we will provide a further Kaeo School At Home activity sheet on Wednesday.

Given the speed that we are trying to return to school, Lunches in Schools will not operate for the next two days and all children will need to bring their own lunch and playlunch to school on Tuesday and Wednesday. School Lunches will resume on Thursday.

Thank you again everyone for your understanding and support. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school over the coming week.

To recap the main points:

- School is open tomorrow for those children currently in Alert Level 2 and for children of essential workers that have made arrangements with the school.
- School is open for all children from Friday.
- Buses will run in Alert level 2 areas tomorrow and for all from Friday.
- All children that are at school must bring their lunch and playlunch on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Please get in touch should anything be unclear.

Kind regards,

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