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Kia ora koutou

This afternoon Minister Hipkins announced that from Wednesday 17 November, schools in Alert Level 3 areas (such as ours) are able to further increase the number of children that can return to face-to-face learning.

We are therefore really pleased to be able to welcome a greater number of students back on site from the 17th, and I know for so many of our families this will be welcome news as well.

Making sure we are all safe is our highest priority. Schools have received guidance from the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education, and based on this we already have initial planning for a return to school in place. Over the coming days we will work on the details of how we can minimise risk according to government guidelines.

Please do be aware that to maintain health guidelines, children cannot be at school every day, with the exception of those students who are already attending bubble school because their parents or caregivers have to leave home to go to work.

It is important to note that the Ministry has acknowledged that every school and community situation is different, and therefore models for managing the return to school will vary from school to school.

Please keep a close eye out for further more detailed communication before the end of the week. This will include a survey to assess numbers of students returning to school this year to assist with planning.

Ngā mihi,

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