



Kia kaha, kia māia, kia manawanui
Be strong, be steadfast, be willing

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Kia ora Reremoana School families

The quick move to Alert Level 4, high volumes of testing for COVID in the community, extensive wastewater testing, huge numbers of New Zealanders being vaccinated (more than 2.8 million people have now received their first dose) and an amazing response by Aucklanders to follow the rules at Alert level 4, has given Government confidence that we might move to Alert Level 3 on Wednesday next week.

All going well, we will then be open - for only the small number of children who need to attend. As you imagine, it will not be school as we know it under Alert Level 2 or 1. All our usual safety precautions for Alert Level 3 will be in place which include following all the recommendations from the public health experts.

For now though, we remain at Alert Level 4. Distance Learning will continue to be delivered as it has been up until this point, and will remain in place during term time, until we can return to school in Level 2.

Planning For Level 3 “Bubble School”

As I shared in my communication last week, we have already been planning for a move to Level 3 and how we manage the additional challenges that the more contagious Delta variant adds to our planning. It is really important for our planning that we know **in advance** of any children who need to be at school so that we can manage the safety of all involved. Please read the [last update](#) to determine eligibility for Bubble School.

I asked for families who may need to have their children attend Bubble School to email me, and those who did should have received a google form to complete. If you have not yet emailed regarding Bubble School, or did not receive the form, please contact me - lynnf@reremoana.school.nz - as soon as possible.

As previously advised, learning at Bubble School school will have a lot of very strict boundaries and procedures we will need to follow in order to keep everyone safe.

- Level 3 bubbles will only have 10 children in each (it was a maximum 20 last time we were in Level 3)
- Bubbles will not mix with one another
- An increased number of Bubble Classes (from the change in Bubble Class size from 20 to 10) will mean more limitations on where Bubble Classes can move around the school site, classroom spaces, toilets used etc.
- Contact tracing systems will be in place, which includes our attendance register and visitor register,
- We will be limiting staff onsite with the majority of our team working from home. Some class teachers will need to also be 'Bubble Class' teachers. This means that if your child's kaitiaki teacher becomes a Bubble School teacher, someone else in their team may be teaching and responding to your child's learning needs,
- Students at Bubble School engage with the same online learning as they would be if at home.
- There will be no flexibility in Level 3 procedures at school. Any whānau who have to send their children to school will have to strictly follow all procedures and times to protect staff and students. Any changes to times will impact the safety of others who have to be on site.

While we know how difficult it is trying to work from home as well as support your child's learning, please keep your child at home if there is an appropriate carer available.

Hard Copy Packs

We acknowledge that some families may be seeking additional, fresh hard copy packs, and these are currently being compiled, ready to copy when we are in Alert Level 3.

When ready, they will be available for contactless pick up from school, and will advise via email and Facebook pages when they are ready for collection for those who want them.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns or questions.

Ngā mihi

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