

28 February 2021



Kia ora koutou katoa

With further cases confirmed yesterday, the Government announced that the whole of Auckland will move from Alert Level 1 to Alert Level 3 for 7 days hours from 6am this morning.

This decision was taken for two reasons – first it is not immediately clear how the latest person to test positive got infected and second, that person has visited several large sites while potentially infectious and it will take some time to identify and track down what could be a large number of people.

Level 3 means stay home to protect your household bubble and if you do have to go out, keep a 2-metre distance from people you don't know. Where possible you should keep your children home from school for this period.

School in Level 3

We will be open for those of you who have NO other options but to send your children to school (ie there are no adults able to work from home, and you have no alternative child care arrangement) and we will have safety precautions in place to look after them. If there is an adult (for example parent, grandparent or other family member) at home your child should not be at school in Alert Level 3. We have limited capacity so we need to ensure we have space for those children who really need to be at school.

Please email juliec@reremoana.school.nz if you need to send your child to school for some or all of this week during Level 3. If you could do this please before 5pm today (Sunday 28th February) I can then organise our 'bubbles' and staff etc. Further information will be sent out to those who need to come to school in Level 3 ('bubble school') this evening.

Alert levels

New Zealand's alert levels have changed

From **6am Sunday, February 28** Auckland entered **alert level 3** restrictions and the rest of the country entered **alert level 2** for one week

ALERT LEVELS

■ Alert level 3 - Auckland

- Stay at home and work remotely if possible
- Schools and daycare only open to children of essential workers
- Funerals and weddings restricted to 10 people
- Travel restrictions with borders around Auckland
- Public venues such as pools and playgrounds closed

■ Alert level 2 - Rest of NZ

- People can still go to work
- Schools and daycare remain open
- Gatherings restricted to 100 people
- Travel into Auckland restricted



Source: covid19.govt.nz. Herald Network graphic

Distance Learning

We will activate our distance learning plan for the week. Our priority is to stay connected to you and your tamariki and provide some fun learning activities. We will do everything we need to for your children and your whānau.

Digital distance learning will be shared via our Facebook Groups (especially for our Kiwi and Piwakawaka teams), Google Classrooms (our Pukeko, Tui and Kereru teams) and through the use of our digital subscriptions.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact your kaitiaki teacher. All email addresses are available via our [website](#). Please remember as in past lock downs it is up to you how much of the distance learning your child participates in, the most important thing is the well being of you and your tamariki. There is no expectation to get everything completed, or to participate in everything that is offered.

Borrowing school devices to support distance learning.

Please contact Marama Crosby - maramac@reremoana.school.nz - if you do not have a device for your child to access distance learning. Once a device is allocated and cleaned.

Marama will then contact you with a pick up time - please, adults only at pick up.

At pick up please approach the office and wait outside the door wearing a mask, Marama will come out to meet you with a device and charger. There will be an agreement for a parent to sign. If there are any issues with the device such as sound not working or not charging correctly please re contact Marama and she will sort out a new device.

Hard copy learning packs

We know that sometimes it's easier to have some learning in a hard copy rather than just all on devices. All teams have created a pack of learning materials that will be available for pick up **from 10am tomorrow** from the drop zone (if wet they will be moved under cover) until 3pm, and then again from 9am-3pm for Tuesday and Wednesday. Please look for the box labeled with your child's team name and take only one pack for each of your children at our school from that team. Please make this pick up a quick process and keep distance from any other parents collecting packs. If you would like a pack delivered to your letter box within Wattle Downs please email helenh@reremoana.school.nz or ring the office on 2690069..

Being on site during Level 3

Access to the school site is restricted during Alert Level 3. The only students coming on site during level 3 must be those enrolled in 'bubble school'. Children cannot come and play on the school grounds during this time.

Parents may come to pick up devices as arranged (see above) or hard copy learning packs (from boxes in drop-zone or under shelter in event of rain). The office is not open. Please do not enter the office for any other reason. We are not accepting any payments in the office at

this level. For any queries please contact via phone 2690069, or email office@reremoana.school.nz.

For all of our community, we need to keep ourselves, family and whānau safe. It's important we follow the rules.

If you aren't sure if you have been to a place where someone with COVID has visited – please go to the [Ministry of Health website for the 'Locations of Interest'](#). Check the date and time of each location listed in the table and if you were there at the same time, go to the right column on the right to see what you need to do.

COVID-19 symptoms can vary a lot with each person, so while we are familiar with the following symptoms:

- a new or worsening cough
- fever (at least 38°C)
- shortness of breath
- a sore throat
- sneezing and runny nose
- temporary loss of smell.

Some people may present with less typical symptoms such as only one of the following:

- muscle pain
- fever
- diarrhoea
- headache
- nausea/vomiting
- confusion/irritability.

If you or your whānau experience any of these symptoms, please contact your GP or Healthline (0800 358 5453) for advice and get tested if advised to do so.

As the team at [All Right?](#) Say: *It's all right to feel over this right now* but we all know what to do, we have done this before and we will do it again, together.

Please contact us if you have any concerns or questions.

Ngā mihi

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