



OHOPÉ BEACH SCHOOL
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Kia Ora Koutou Katoa
Monday 20th April 2020

Move to Alert Level 3

We hope that Term 2 has started well for you and I want to thank you all for your patience and support as we have worked in these unique times. We know there will have been any number of challenges for you to deal with, but we have been getting some great feedback about the learning that is happening and thank you for all your support.

I wish to thank the staff for the professional way they have approached the new challenges and how they have worked in the best interests of your children and your families at all times.

This afternoon the Government announced that we will move into Alert Level 3 at midnight on Monday 27 April and that Tuesday will be a teachers only day. That means we will be open to receive students from Wednesday 29 April. We will start to prepare our site from tomorrow.

The key message for you is that if you can, you should keep your child at home. You should only physically send your child to school if you need to.

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. If your child is sick, please also ensure you keep them at home.

If your child is going to be physically at school then there must be a commitment to have them at school every day, unless they are unwell.

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.

I want to assure you that we will continue to support your child's learning at home.

Not all staff are able to return to school on the 29th April due to their own health and family situations. Children who do come to school may not be in their current classroom or have their current teacher. Numbers in classroom spaces will be limited. There will be no physical interaction between classes, and we will need to set up a timetable for staggered arrival and departure times and break times.

PE and breaktime activities cannot include sports with less than 2m physical distance between students or where the same equipment is touched by different students (balls, ropes, sticks, etc). The school playgrounds will not be available for use during this alert level.

After school care will not be available at Alert Level 3.

To assist us with our planning for next week we need to gain an indication from you as to whether your child / children will be coming to school from the 29th April.

We will be sending a survey to homes and ask that you please complete this as soon as possible so our planning and preparation can get underway.

Ngā mihi
Cathryn Naera – Principal