



Tuesday 21 April 2020

## Moving into Alert Level 3 - COVID-19

Tena koutou,

Firstly, thank you everyone for keeping us all safe by staying at home and thereby saving lives. Thank you also for the way you have engaged with distance learning, be it through online or via the hard pack of resources made available. We know that distance learning has presented many challenges for you to deal with and we thank you all for your support.

Yesterday the Government decided that we will move into Alert Level 3 on Tuesday 28 April 2020. That means we will be open to receive students on **Wednesday 29 April 2020 from Years 7 - 10 whose parents work in essential services or for families where there is no one at home to look after them due to the parents returning back to work.**

The key messages for moving into Alert Level 3 are:

- Only physically send your child to school if you must
- 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 ensure you keep them home

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. What that looks like for Ruawai College is the following:

- The establishment of school bubbles of approximately 10 children per room
- Children attending will not be in their regular class with their regular teacher
- Each whanau with a child attending will have to provide a contact list of the people within their home bubble to aide in contact tracing should an infection occur
- Students will remain in one room, their allocated bubble room, for the duration of the school day
- If more than one class is needed, then break times will be staggered to avoid cross school bubble interaction
- Break time games / or activity that compromises social distancing will be prohibited as to the use of any sports equipment
- Regular and rigorous hand and surface decontamination
- No sharing of items of any kind i.e stationery and food
- The school office area not being open for adult or student physical contact
- Social distancing inside and outside of the classroom (2 metre separation)

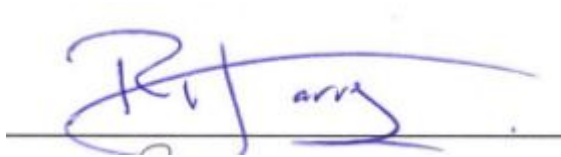
**All learning** will be following our online programme in and out of school.

We will contact you from tomorrow onwards to find out whether you can keep your child learning from home as the Government has recommended and as you have already been doing. We will also check to see whether you require further resources for this to happen.

For now, we will continue to support your child's learning by distance while we progress our planning for what Alert Level 3 will mean for you and for our school. We will be in touch again soon with more information. As you have been doing, please keep connecting with your teachers with any questions you might have.

These are unprecedented times for us all but **TOGETHER** as you have already demonstrated, you can do it, you have done it, let's continue to keep COVID-19 out.

Kind regards,



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Principal