



School Update No 2

16th April 2020

Kia ora koutou,

Tomorrow, leadership staff are coming together to review what we have provided as online learning. Parents, you have an important role in making this work so we would value your feedback. Some ideas for feedback

- Are you overwhelmed by the number of activities provided?
- Do you need more guidance from teachers and what might that look like?
- Would a general outline of what a day's learning look like, be helpful?
- How can we support if you are having technical issues?
- If you don't have a device for students to use, what suggestions would you have as to how we can support you?
- Is online learning scary and if so how can we help you overcome this?

If you could provide any constructive feedback and send it to principal@forestlake.school.nz by 2:00pm tomorrow it would be appreciated.

As I have discussed with teachers today, I have identified that students are missing the peer interactions and teachers are missing interactions with students. One teacher commented how 'great it was to hear the students voices. " Another positive has been the new connections being made with parents and teachers in this online environment.

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

From the Government:

We are still in **Alert Level 4**.

If we move to Alert Level 3 after the 4 week lockdown period this is what we could expect in primary education:

Early learning centres and schools are open for children in Years 1 – 10, with appropriate health measures in place.

- Primary and intermediate schools are open. If there is a parent or caregiver available to look after children at home and if children have access to distance learning, children and young people are encouraged to continue learning at home. Secondary schools are open for young people in Years 9 and 10 who may not be able to stay home by themselves. All young people in Years 11 – 13 learn from home.

Any educational facilities connected to a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 must close on an individual or group basis for 72 hours to allow contact tracing, and then potentially for a further 14 days.

High Level Descriptions of Covid-19 Alert Levels

<https://govt.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2f59fcd18a691d315b5a045cb&id=c74bad135b&e=42d63b90ed>

From the Ministry of Education:

We are still at alert level 4.

There is a lot of detail to work through to operationalise the re-opening of schools and early learning services when that decision is taken.

The Government's announcement has been made taking full account of Public Health advice.

We have organised meetings with peak bodies in the next couple of days and will work with more of you starting next week.

We will work through the practical issues that need to be addressed and provide the support you need to do the very best we can. We will give you time to do this.

Iona Holsted - Secretary for Education

Yes we have an indication as to what Level 3 might look like but now we will work with the Ministry of Education to work out how that will look in practical terms.

For now we continue distance learning at **Alert Level 4**. I have been encouraged today by the increase in engagement of students with their teachers. Your teachers look forward to working with you again tomorrow.

Ngaa mihi

Whaea Chris