

Tuesday 21 April

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As you are already aware, the government is going to move us into Alert Level 3 in the Covid 19 response on Monday 27th of April at 11:59pm.

The Prime Minister announced that our school would be reopening on **Wednesday 29th April**, to children only of essential workers and caregivers who were required to return to work.

*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 have no other options for care at home. 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. The school's sick bay will not be available for use during Alert Level 3.*

Learning will still continue as it has been, via online. Children who come into school because they meet the above criteria will also be learning in exactly the same way. Your child may not actually be with their teacher as we will be working hard to limit bubbles being extended. There will be limitations on areas of the playground for children to play in during their limited breaktimes. There will be a different timetable, school will not be a 'normal' learning environment. **School will not be open until 9:00am and will be closed by 3:00pm**. There will be a staggered starting and finishing time for each classroom bubble. Further information about the school day will be available at a later date.

The school bus will not be operating during Alert Level 3, but this will be reviewed for when we are moved to Level 2.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in these trying times. Poukawa is lucky to have such a supportive community.

Regards,

Adam McRandle
Principal
