

Kia ora koutou

Following the government's announcement yesterday we are moving closer to returning to our physical school site. As you will have heard, the Government has announced that we will move into Alert Level 3 on 28 April. That means we will be open in a limited capacity to receive learners from the **29th April**. We will start to prepare our site this week.

Health and Safety Measures

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 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 the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health Health and Safety measures. The reason for this approach, as outlined by the Prime Minister, is to find a balance between having schools available for those who need it while minimising the numbers of students attending for public health reasons. We are still in a state of emergency and health and safety is at the forefront of our planning.

I want to assure you that we will continue to support your child's learning at home, and it is likely that during Alert Level 3 children who do attend school physically will continue to use this learning platform at school.

We will contact parents via an email survey tomorrow to determine if you are able to keep your child learning from home, or if you need your child to attend school physically. We ask that you complete this survey as soon as possible to assist us with our planning.

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. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at principal@leeston.school.nz

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