



In Preparation for level 3 whenever it happens ...

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We hope that you are all well and like us are all awaiting on Monday, for more updates from the Prime Minister in regard to whether or not Auckland will be able to come out of Level 4 and into Level 3 from Tuesday at midnight. We wanted to touch base with you now to see, who under level 3, would be requiring our care so that we are prepared to move to Alert Level 3 once we are able to.

Please note the following

At Alert Level 3, you legally must stay within your household bubble unless for essential personal movement including going to work and going to school or an early learning service. As the Prime Minister noted on Friday, **schools are essentially closed at Alert Level 3** with the exception of those few children whose parents and carers must go to work at Alert Level 3, and there is no appropriate caregiver at home. We are yet to hear from the Prime Minister on Monday but we are hoping to be open once the (date has been confirmed) for a small number of children who need to attend.

The Prime Minister was very clear in her message - "if you can keep your children at home do so". Schools will be a place for children whose parents/caregivers cannot work from home or find other alternative arrangements.

- **OUR SCHOOL** will be open for those who need it, a maximum limit of 10 in with a teacher
- We believe that the best place for all children at the present time is at home, safe in their bubble, where there is less risk of infection and transfer of virus.
- You should only physically send your child to school if you have 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.

As you can imagine it will not be school as we know it under Alert Level 2 or 1. All our usual safety precautions for Alert Level 3 will be in place which include following all the recommendations from the public health experts.

This means we will

- regularly clean and disinfect high touch surfaces,
- encourage everyone to frequently wash their hands and cover their coughs and sneezes,
- keep everyone physically distanced from others as much as possible (1 metre inside and two metres outside).
- We will also keep school bubbles to no more than 10 students. These bubbles will not mix with other bubbles.
- Children will follow their own class programme- either on line or the hard copy provided- as at home. Your child will not necessarily be supervised by their own teacher. It will be the bubble teacher but they will be following the home/school learning pack.
- Children will have their own seat and set of resources in the classroom
- No movement between tables or around classrooms
- All PE equipment will be for individual use only- not playing with others.
- Children can wear a mask if you want them to
- Some teachers will need to work from home due to being health compromised
- Contact tracing systems will be in place, which includes our attendance register and visitor register, and we will be limiting staff onsite with the majority of our team working from home.

When we are in Alert Level 3

- Students can enter the grounds at **9.00** or depending on numbers a staggered start may occur to ensure social distancing-TBA depending on numbers
- Parents will drop their child at the school gate (Wykeham Place) and then leave immediately to ensure social distancing

- All contact with teachers should be through email, class dojo or see saw and the office by email or phone call
- School will finish at **2.30pm** at the latest, as children will have been mainly in classes and not free to mingle at breaktimes and teachers will have had no real breaks away at all
- **Road patrols will not** operate during Level 3, to ensure social distancing at the actual crossing.
- **There will be NO Before school or After school** programme operating during Level 3, due to creating and crossing school class bubbles.
- The school site will be closed to all visitors during the school day and a notice will be displayed stating the grounds cannot to be used as a throughfare and will only be open for collection
- The **SCHOOL PLAYGROUNDS** are not open for use

During Alert Level 3, the teachers will still be continuing with their online learning programmes, but if they are rostered on for school site supervision then they will not be available during that day. The Ministry of Education also provides programmes on television.

It is important to note - whilst at Alert Level 3 in school

Years 1 -2, children will have a paper-based programme and no access to online learning

Years 3-6 children will be following the online learning assigned to their class

There will be little interaction with their teacher or friends due to social distancing regulations. 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.

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You can also assist everyone's safety by keeping your child at home if they are feeling unwell and please do contact your GP or Healthline, to seek advice about getting tested.

- **If you are sick or your child is sick, please stay away from school, just in case so we do not endanger others. This includes headaches, coughs, colds, sore throats, vomiting and stomach issues, runny nose.**

If your child becomes sick during level 3 please let the school know- Email principal@marlboroughprimary.school.nz

While we know how difficult it is trying to work from home as well as support your child's learning, please keep your child at home if there is an appropriate carer available. For those of you with no other option, we will look forward to seeing your child at school next week.

To help us to prepare, students must be registered to attend at this time.

Can you please let your child's teacher know as soon as possible your answer, by either seesaw or clasdojo, so we can plan for re-opening? Please can you confirm your intention by **Monday 13 September at 5.00pm**

Question for Parents

1. Are you intending to send back your child/ren under Level 3 of lockdown, as you have no alternative?

Child's Name:

Room Number:

Parents latest phone contact details:

If your child is staying at home and you **would like a hardcopy pack** to be picked up on a date TBC" Please let your class teacher know – so we can prepare packs in readiness.

Please also note that once the class bubble has been confirmed on **Tuesday 14 September, at 3.00pm** then no alterations can occur, until we reach Alert Level 2. This ensures that the class bubble is safe, we have enough staff and no cross contamination occurs.

As new information arrives from the Ministry of Health and/or Education I will update you if it affects our plans in anyway.

'We continue to operate under a state of emergency and under instruction from the government. Principals and Boards will not be held liable for any COVID-19 illness experienced at school' (New Zealand Principal's Federation)

Yours

Sue Buckley

Principal

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