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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The government has kept with their cautious approach when responding to COVID-19, and as a result, we will stay at Alert Level 3 for a bit longer.

At full Alert Level 3 you legally must stay within your household bubble unless for essential personal movement, including going to work or going to school, if necessary.

### **Distance Learning**

We will continue to support all children who remain learning from home through our distance learning programme.

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.

However, we are open once more on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October for only the small number of children who need to attend.

All our usual safety precautions for Alert Level 3 will be in place which include all the recommendations from the public health experts. This means students will be kept in bubbles of no more than 10, with the same teachers and keep a two-metre distance from other school bubbles.

**You must confirm with your class teacher by Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> at 3pm if your child will need to return to school on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October.**

**School will be open from 8.30am and finish at 2.30pm from the Wykeham Gate entrance. Please ensure your child has a drink bottle, morning tea and lunch.**

Our staff on-site will also have been tested for COVID-19 before they get back to work and we are moving toward having 100 percent of our staff vaccinated – so we are all playing our part in keeping our community safe.

We are proud of how our community has responded to this outbreak, but the mahi isn't yet done. Please continue to follow all the alert level requirements including staying at home and getting tested for COVID-19 if you are feeling unwell, and for your own sake and for the health of your whānau, please get vaccinated.

These are the very best things we can do to keep our community as safe as possible and get everyone back to school.

Ngā mihi,

Sue Buckley  
Principal