

**COVID-19 lockdown learning
ALERT LEVEL 3 FOR TAI
Tuesday 21 April**



Dear Parents/whanau of Te Atatu Intermediate.

Kia ora koutou to you all. Yesterday the Government decided that we will move into **Alert Level 3 on 28 April**. That means we will be open to receive students from Wednesday 29 April for those students who **need** to come to school.

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 at 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 health and safety measures.

I want to assure you that we will continue to support your child's distance learning at home.

We will contact you later this week to find out whether you can keep your child learning from home, or need your child to attend in person. This survey will be via Schoolinterviews.co.nz - we will then be able to generate attendance sheets for each school bubble, which we will be able to use to fulfill the Ministry of Health contact tracing data aspect. Teachers may also ask you to indicate your needs in order to give us a general idea of the number of students likely to attend.

The Ministry of Education has advised that they are working closely with the health sector to develop clear guidance that will support schools to safely re-open their premises to students and staff. This will help us work through the public health requirements that we all need to meet. As you will be doing, we want to be sure that what we do will keep our community as safe as possible.

Some key points for operating at Level 3:

- Only those children who need to come to school should
- Children at school will be in a bubble of up to 10 students and be supervised in a classroom space by up to two members of staff.
- Children at school will do the **same learning** as those children at home. There will be no 'extra' teaching for those children at school.
- We will stagger the start and finish times, so we allow children to leave safely. Children will be required to stay **1m apart** from any other child or staff member at all times **when inside**, and **2m apart when in the playground**.
- The playground equipment remains closed during Level 3. Also, under level 3, there is no sharing of sports equipment
- Students attending will need to bring their own lunch/drink bottle as the tuck shop will not be open and drinking fountains will only be used for filling bottles.

Alert Level 3 remains in place until Monday 11 May - at which time the government will reassess what level the country remains in.

Finally, students who received the hard copy packs, the MoE should be sending either further hard copy packs or a device for students as per the information that was sent to the Ministry. If by the end of the week there is no device or pack, we will then organise to arrange further work via a pack or a school device for distance learning at home.

I thank you parents for your understanding of what the return to school under Level 3 looks like and appreciate your cooperation.

Nga mihi

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