

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2021



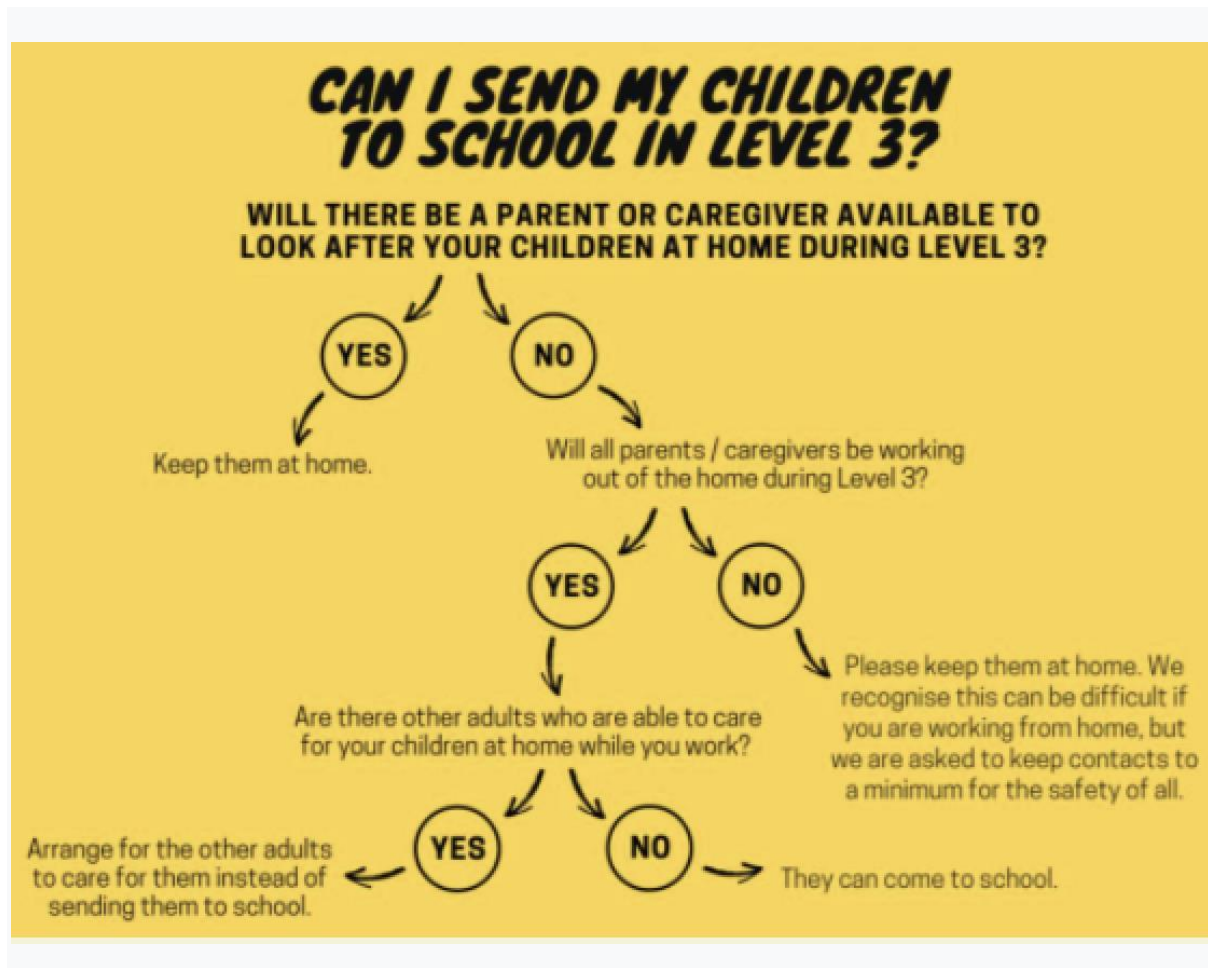
**COVID level 3 lockdown - Beginning of Term 4 (Newsletter #9)**

Dear Parents/Whānau of Te Atatū Intermediate.

**Tēnā koutou katoa. Ko te tumanako kei te ora koutou katoa.**

Unfortunately, we received the news on Monday that school will still continue to be closed with the Ministry of Education preferring children to be learning from home at AL3. We had been hoping that we would be able to restart school again on Monday. **Teachers will resume online learning from Monday 18 October.**

A reminder that at Alert Level 3, schools remain closed except for essential personal movement and those who must go to work. In that case and if there is **no appropriate caregiver at home**, your child/children are permitted to attend school.



We will be open on Monday 18 October next week **for only the small number of children who need to attend**. As you imagine, it will not be school as we know it under Alert Level 2 or 1. Staff in attendance are required to have a recent (within 7 days) negative Covid-19 test before they can attend.

**\*Please complete this ONLY if you are an essential worker and you will need to send your child back to school so that we can prepare a bubble classroom [link click here](#)**

Whilst it is disappointing that we cannot be all back on Monday, we do understand how difficult it is trying to work from home as well as support your child's learning, however, **please keep your child at home if there is an appropriate carer available.**

All 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, and keep everyone physically distanced from others as much as possible (one 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.

Our theme for this term will be focusing as a school on **ROUTINE and RECONNECTION**. This becomes even more pressing as we start the term under online learning parameters. These two core elements are vital for students to be able to get back to normal as soon as possible. Once we are able to return back to school, we will be re-establishing our normal routines and taking the time to re-connect with each other again. At this stage, there is a lot of uncertainty around when we will be able to return to school again. I will resume weekly newsletters on Thursdays to keep you up to date.

**So once again - Please - Stay safe, Kia Kaha and I wish you all the very best.**

**Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa, noho haumarū.**

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