

**COVID-19 update**  
**Tuesday 24 March - 10am**



Dear Parents/whanau of Te Atatu Intermediate.

My aim is to update you all to let you know the latest information as I receive it.

Last night, the Ministry of Education announced that the school holidays have been brought forward. Therefore, the next four weeks that we know we are in lockdown will be as follows;

- **Week of Tuesday 24 March - Friday 27 March** - students at home - Distance Learning
- **Week of Monday 30 March - Friday 3 April - 1st week of school holidays**  
*(HOLIDAYS HAVE BEEN BROUGHT FORWARD BY 2 WEEKS)*
- **Week of Monday 6 April - Thursday 9 April - 2nd week of Holidays**
- **Friday 10 April - Tuesday 14 April - EASTER BREAK**
- **Week from Wednesday 15 April - Friday 17 April** - Distance Learning

This will end the four week isolation/lockdown period. Currently, there is no information around what will happen after this, but I will be in contact once I know.

### **WHAT WE ARE DOING?**

All teachers are preparing work online for students to cover over this period. As the holidays have been brought forward, our aim is to provide enough tasks that can be carried through over this time. This work will be set on Google Classroom /Hapara or other online formats that your child's classroom teacher uses. Students need to be able to access their school Gmail accounts to be able to access work. Students should know passwords for Maths Buddy etc.

It is a good idea for students to keep Google Docs of their work as they work through. Teachers are also including great learning websites for students to go to for extra work. Please also remember that there is a lot of home learning that could be done during this

time, such as baking, painting, drawing, building, making crafts, paper plane designs etc.

It is also really important that kids take time to be kids as well and as much as adults are anxious, children will be also, so taking time to relax and take a break from work is also important.

During the school holiday period - teachers will be taking the time to connect with their own families.

From Wednesday 15 April, teachers will again be back on board to direct and lead online learning.

Hard copy work will also be delivered to letterboxes for students who don't have access to devices or the internet either today or tomorrow.

If you have any queries around the next four weeks, please could you either contact your child's teacher (before Friday) or I can be contacted at [lloyd.e@teatatu.school.nz](mailto:lloyd.e@teatatu.school.nz)

**I'll update as information becomes available. This will also be included on the school website.**

**Please, all look after and out for each other, be kind and importantly, look after your own health and wellbeing.**

**Nga mihi nui**

**Lloyd Evans**

**Principal / Tumuaki  
Te Atatu Intermediate**