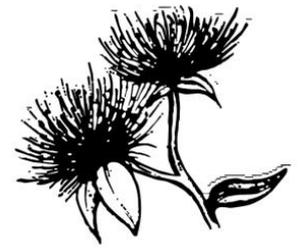


Hororata Primary School



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Executive Summary

New Zealand is moving to Alert Level 3 at 11.59pm on Monday 27 April for at least two weeks. The purpose of this document is to inform you how learning at Hororata Primary School will change in response to the alert changes.

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Overview

Alert Level 3 information on work, business, education, gatherings, exercise and recreation is available at the following Government website: <https://covid19.govt.nz/alert-system/alert-level-3/#education>

Under Alert Level 3 it will be safe for Early Learning / Education Centres and schools to open for children up to and including Year 10, with appropriate public health measures in place. All young people in Years 11-13 will continue to learn at home.

The Prime Minister is asking you to only send your children to school if you are required to return to your workplace under Level 3 and are not able to provide adequate supervision at home.

Just a reminder that you can increase your bubble slightly at Alert Level 3 - to bring in close family, isolated people or caregivers but, if you do, please continue to keep your bubble small.

Any students not attending school will continue their learning programme remotely, just as they have during the Level 4 lockdown.

Schools will look different under Alert Level 3. There will be far fewer students on the grounds, and they will stay within their small groups. Some teachers will be teaching students at school, while others will be providing distance learning.

Home based early learning services can resume up to the maximum number of licensed children of four (4) including the educator's own children, provided public health requirements are met.

Play centres and play groups will be closed.

Most tertiary education will be through distance learning. Tertiary education facilities may open for limited activities involving small stable groups (up to 10 people who do not change).

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) like gloves and masks are not necessary for a school environment.

Children, young people and staff who are at greater risk are encouraged to stay at home. **Any child, young person or staff member who is sick should remain at home.**

[Alert Level 3 FAQs for Schools and Early Learning Centres](#)

Back-to-School

Hororata Primary School will be open from Wednesday April 29 2020 for families who need to send their children. We are looking forward to welcoming those students who are coming back and want to reassure you that we will be doing everything we can to keep your children as safe as possible.

Initial indications are that we will have a very small group of children and a majority of our teaching team in attendance at school on Wednesday 29 April 2020.

Key Points...

- School will be open from 0845 – 1500hrs (incl. drop-off/pick-up windows).
- Children will all be placed in one Learning Bubble consisting of students and teachers (incl. principal). This bubble will work in the Piwi classroom.
- All available teachers will be part of the one Learning Bubble and will be rostered on different days of the week in teams of three (incl. principal).
- Teachers can and will undertake DLP duties during class time - as long as one staff member is present at all times to supervise learners.
- Teacher aides are not required to attend work during Alert Level 3.
- Bubbles will be limited to 10 people to begin with and can be increased once processes are running smoothly.
- Students will be required to sit in the same spot every day and keep a one-metre distance from each other inside and two metres outside.
- Students can't participate in any activities at lunch or during physical education that require them being closer than two metres or touching shared equipment e.g., balls, ropes & sticks.
- Playground/sandpit remain closed during Level 3.
- Physical distancing measures apply to teachers as well and any staff who are at a higher risk of contracting the virus are allowed to remain working from home if they wish.
- No shaking hands, sharing cups, eating utensils and resources is advised. The use of the photocopier is to be limited and rigorous health & safety protocols are to be adhered to.
- Drink bottle only, no water fountains can be used.
- The school canteen and Fonterra Milk in Schools programme is suspended during Level 3.
- No school bus transport is available during Alert Level 3.
- All students, staff and visitors will adhere to the school's comprehensive Health & Safety guidelines co-constructed by staff and the Ministry of Health.
- Hygiene measures such as frequent hand washing, coughing protocols, having hand sanitiser available in classrooms and bathrooms, and daily cleaning of all surfaces will be maintained.
- Contact tracing registers will be set up to identify which children are in each teaching space, record when and who they have contact with during the day if that changes. This includes recording who the adults are in contact with as well as recording any visitors to the site, including parents.

HPS Distance Learning Programme

The HPS Distance Learning Programme will take a break over ANZAC weekend and will return on Wednesday 29 April 2020. We will be giving families a break on Tuesday 28 April as, one, you deserve it and two, and we need to have a Teacher Only Day to enable us to put in place the finishing touches of the blended onsite/distance learning programme we will be running over the next few weeks. This will be the first time in nearly five weeks we have touched base face-to-face for teaching and planning.

He aha te mea nui, i te ao? He tangata, he tangata, he tangata.

What is the most important thing in the world? 'Tis people, 'tis people, 'tis people.

Ngā mihi nui

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