

St Joseph's School

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Kia ora koutou Parents and Caregivers,

Today, Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern announced that Aotearoa NZ will be moving to Alert Level 3 on Tuesday 31st of August at 11.59pm.

This means that our school will be open for some children from Wednesday 31st of August. Distance learning will continue for all other students.

The Prime Minister has made it very clear that if your child can be looked after at home, they must not return to school under Alert Level 3.

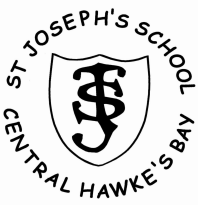
Your child may attend IF there is nobody that can look after them, due to all caregivers returning to work.

The key message is that if you can, you should keep your child at home. You should only physically send your child if you need to.

In order to ensure the safety of those children and our staff who do come to school:

If your child is unwell in any way with a cold, headache or any other illness, even a mild one, they must remain at home. Any student presenting at school with any illness will immediately be sent home.

If your child has a health condition that means they are at a greater risk of severe illness you MUST keep them at home.



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If My Children Need to Return To School Who Do I Contact?

To allow the school to put in place procedures to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all students and staff, can parents please either email the students class teacher or the Principal to inform them that your child/children will be attending school from Wednesday the 1st of September. (If you need to send your child on only some days, when you are required at work, please also send this information).

If your situation changes after you have let us know please contact the Principal via email.

Once we have confirmation of numbers we will contact those families directly regarding drop off and pick up times as well as our school onsite plan.

Currently no buses will be running, but if this changes we will notify you.

Teachers will continue to communicate with all families and update you with any changes to the daily routine.

As a Board of Trustees we ask that **if you can, please keep your children at home and continue with online learning.**

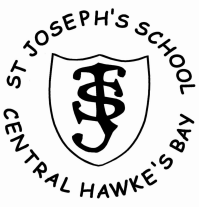
Those students that do return will continue to be taught via current online learning.

Any student who is returning to school, and received a device from the school or from the Ministry of Education will need to bring that to school with them. We also ask that students using their own devices, who are returning to school, bring them to school each day if possible.

Students will also need their own drink bottles as the drinking fountains will be off limits.

As we continue to need to keep our bubbles small and minimise contact with people, parents will need to be able to comply with staggered drop offs and pick up times. This will mean that parents will need to drop off their children using the church car park and the students will then go directly into their classroom.

Parents are asked not to park up and chat with other parents and at this Level parents are not able



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to enter classrooms.

If you need to collect your child early from school you must phone the school office so that this can be arranged.

To prevent class bubbles mixing, students will have their morning tea and lunch in their own classroom and they will go out to play at staggered times.

In regards to Physical activity at Level 3, students cannot play contact sports or team games, or share any equipment so the school playground will be closed.

There will be no after school care run by Scallywaggs in our school grounds.

Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with you all and we pray that we will be able to return to a more normal school life in the coming weeks.

Stay home, save lives & keep safe,

God bless,

Sarah Laugesen
Principal

Malissa Webster & Graeme Fisher
C/o Board Chairs