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Kia ora koutou,

I hope this letter finds you and your whānau safe and well.

We are delighted to be able to welcome more tamariki back onsite under Alert Level 3 from next Wednesday 17 November.

We know learning kanohi ki te kanohi is the best option for children and young people. It's important for them to connect with their friends and teachers and it helps their social, physical and emotional wellbeing. If your child is already attending fulltime they will continue to. For other children returning we are likely to need to manage the numbers of students attending each day to keep everyone safe.

Even with the Delta variant, the risk of COVID-19 transmission in schools is low because of all the public health measures we will have in place. What this will look like:

- we may need to limit the number of tamariki and staff onsite each day
- we will keep those onsite in separate groups
- we'll ensure our classrooms are well ventilated
- we'll continue to practice physical distancing where possible.

In addition to this, all staff and children in Years 4 and above are required to wear face coverings indoors (unless they have an exemption). Only staff (and external contractors) who are fully vaccinated or have had at least one dose of the vaccine and return a negative weekly test will be on site.

What you can do to help:

- stay at home if you or your child is sick
- avoid catching up with other parents, children and whānau at the gates
- wear a face covering and maintain a two-metre distance from people not in your household bubble
- get advice from your doctor if you or your child has complex medical needs (and please get in touch so that we can support your child to return onsite, wherever possible)
- avoid having playdates inside with children from other families at Alert Level 3.

How will I know if and when my child/ren will return to school?

From Friday 12th November one of your children's teachers will phone you to ask you whether or not you intend to send your child back to school.

Once we know how many children will be returning, children will be placed in groups (either year or whanau based), with a maximum of 20 children per bubble.

Each bubble will have a designated learning assistant and teacher/s who will only work with children from that bubble.

If your child is one who will be returning, further information will be provided to you regarding the processes that are in place for this.

We will continue to support learning from home for those tamariki who will not be attending onsite.

If you have questions or concerns, you can contact me or your child's teacher by phone or email.

We look forward to seeing you back at school next week.

Ngā mihi,

Chris Williams

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