



'Growing in Faith
Together'

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

It is wonderful to see how the children and families are engaging in the learning from home and connecting with their teachers. We hope that Term 2 and our distance learning programme has been a success for you so far. We know there would have been challenges for you to deal with, but we have been getting some great feedback about the learning that is happening and thank you for all your support.

Today the Government decided that we will move into Alert Level 3 on Tuesday 28 April. That means we will be open to receive students from Wednesday 29 April. We will start to prepare our school site from tomorrow.

The key message for you is that **if you can, you should keep your child at home**. You should only physically send your child to school if you need to. If your child has a health condition that means they are at a greater risk of a severe illness you must keep them at home. If your child is sick, please also ensure you keep them at home.

We are aware that many families have an elderly parent living within their bubble and may be concerned about their safety. If you are concerned, it would be preferable for your child to continue with the learning from home.

In order to ensure the safety of those children and our staff who do come to school, we will be operating with strict enforcement of health and safety measures.

I want to assure you that teachers will continue to support your child's learning at home.

We will contact you later this week to find out whether you can keep your child learning from home, or need your child to attend school in person..

The Ministry of Education has advised that they are working closely with health to develop clear guidance that will support schools to safely re-open their premises to students and staff. This will help us work through the public health requirements that we all need to meet. Please be assured, as you will be doing, we all want to keep our community as safe as possible.

For now, we will continue to support your child's learning from home while we plan for what Alert Level 3. We will be in touch again soon with more information.

*Mā te Atua koutou katoa e tiaki, e manaaki.
May God protect and care for you all.*

Mario Barbafiera

Board Chairperson

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