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Phase 3 Information

Kia ora koutou,

These *'interesting'* times urge us all to model resiliency and encourage us to 'Explore our Limits'. I often find a renewed sense of energy and resiliency while walking through classrooms and wandering around the playground; I marvel at how adaptable our students can be and how they rise to the challenge of accepting our current new normal.

Thank you for being so vigilant and taking precautionary measures when your children may be unwell. I know this is never an easy task and behind the calm text message or phone call, there has been a frantic juggling of schedules in order to keep our whole community as healthy as possible.

Please see below for the latest update based on the shift to Phase 3 at midnight tonight. I'll also be updating the FAQ section on our website so please keep an eye out.

Key Information

- Only confirmed cases and their household contacts need to self-isolate. Everyone else, including those who may have had close contact with the case but aren't in the household, must continue to monitor closely for any symptoms of COVID-19.
- Schools are no longer required to contact trace for close contacts.
- Schools may notify the school community if we receive confirmation that a student at school has tested positive for Covid-19. Please be assured confidentiality will be our priority.
- If you are required to self-isolate, we will still be supporting your child(ren) with distance learning options (both hard copy and online).
- Staff remain in our two separate bubbles to minimise the chances of all of us being unable to attend school at once. Students will still be encouraged to play in their playground zones and intermingling of classes will be avoided indoors.
- Rapid antigen tests (RATs) are now being used to diagnose COVID-19 as well as PCR tests. This means that you will get an almost immediate test result back if a RAT is used.
- If anyone in your family is confirmed as having COVID-19, you will be asked to notify your close contacts yourself. [Please get in touch with me as soon as possible \(021 1240110\)](#) if your child has tested positive for COVID-19.

If you have any concerns about sending your child to school, please do get in touch. We are here to help.

Ngā mihi,

Tracey Bennett